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Never doubt the difference you make

A community foundation affords individuals, families, organizations, and businesses a way to apply resources to present needs and those that will be tomorrow's history. Throughout the United States, more than 700 community foundations enable donors like you to become part of the philanthropic history of their communities. Each generation helps expand that history. Throughout the year, in each issue of "Thoughtful Giving," you have witnessed many examples of various pathways to making Northern New York better, stronger, healthier, and more vibrant. We are continually overwhelmed with gratitude for acts of kindness.

Behind each gift is a story. Perhaps the most meaningful of all gifts are those that are given to help the Community Foundation advance its overall work and mission throughout Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. Donors like you who choose to become a friend through annual support of the Community Betterment Fund help make possible a variety of programs, projects and initiatives that continually improve our region. You help make possible



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Thank you for believing in the power and importance of our work together. Never doubt the difference you make, the lives you change, and the goodness you inspire.

programs that instill civic interest and engagement in our youth, encourage all forms of local investment and help ensure that the things that make the region special thrive.

We hope we have earned your support again this year and join in thanksgiving for all those who will be part of all we will do together in the year ahead. **Thank you for being a part of our family**, for being an important part of that story. **Thank you for believing in the power and importance of our work together.** Never doubt the difference you make, the lives you change, and the goodness you inspire. Because of you, we will be here to tell that story for generations to come, responding today, investing for tomorrow, and continuing to earn your friendship built around our common goals and desire for the best for the throughout the North Country. May this be the year you affirm, renew or initiate your partnership in support of that noble objective. Join us!

YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT OUR MOST VULNERABLE

Thanks to gifts made by donors to the **Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund**, the Community Foundation in 2018 awarded a grant to **Meals on Wheels of Greater Watertown**, a **Watertown Urban Mission** program, to help ensure its long-term sustainability. Meals on Wheels has operated for more than 50 years providing daily, nutritious meals to the elderly, disabled, and individuals recovering from illness who live in and around Watertown. Community Foundation grant support in 2015 helped Meals on Wheels merge with Watertown Urban Mission. The program served 38,500 meals in 2020. **Pictured on the cover:** Watertown High School 2021 graduates **Vincent Lavarney**, left, and **Evan Richardson** regularly accompanied **Joanne Lavarney** while making deliveries for **Meals on Wheels**. This allowed them to experience the rewards of volunteering in their community.



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

OUR VALUES:

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

ACT RESPECTFULLY
Honor our heritage; appreciate the diversity of our region; and celebrate the stories, values, and generosity of people of the North Country.

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

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

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YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: MARK ANTHONY TAYLOR, WELLESLEY ISLAND



Mark Anthony Taylor, right, with his wife, **Cesia**, and their German shepherd, **Tuna**. A Watertown native, Mark returned to Northern New York after eight years in New York City. He was a member of the Community Foundation's first **Youth Philanthropy Council** while a student at **Watertown High School**.

Community Foundation scholar: 'Bloom where you're planted'

Mark Anthony Taylor graduated in 2012 from Watertown High School and spent the last eight years studying, living, and working in New York City. While a student at WHS, Mark served as president of the Community Foundation's first **Youth Philanthropy Council** class. After marrying the love of his life, the two decided it was time to start a family and knew that Jefferson County would be the perfect place to live and raise their children. This April, Mark and his wife, **Cesia**, welcomed their first child, a son, **Ezra**. A graduate of **New York University's Tisch School of the Arts**,

Mark pursued an acting and film career while living in New York City before entering the real estate industry. When he graduated from WHS, Mark was awarded a **Northern New York Community Foundation Scholarship**, which helped him succeed on his educational journey. We recently caught up with him and asked about his experience and what he'd tell students who are now looking ahead to school and career choices of their own.

You served as a member of the inaugural class of the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council. How did that experience help you become the person you are today? The opportunity to help make decisions with real-world financial impacts

MARK ANTHONY TAYLOR

AGE: 27

HOMETOWN: Watertown; lives on Wellesley Island

EDUCATION: **Watertown High School**, 2012; **BFA, New York University Tisch School of the Arts**, 2016

FAMILY: Wife, **Cesia**, son, **Ezra**; parents, **Tammy** and **Mark Taylor**; brother, **Noah**

EMPLOYER: **Marble Key Realty**, Watertown

CAREER: Licensed real estate agent

PERSONAL: Soccer, time with family (including a newborn), raising goats

at a young age opened my eyes to the power of philanthropy.

What did you learn during your service on the Youth Philanthropy Council? The amount of research and discussion that went into the decision-making process was initially surprising to me. We met consistently for months, weighing the pros and cons of different allocation strategies and interviewing representatives once we narrowed down the number of organizations. The result of that effort was funding a diverse group of organizations that had an immediate need for support with a plan for how the grant awards would help the North Country. The process high-

lighted the value of a structure and process like the Community Foundation employs. Not everyone has the time and energy to vet organizations and programs they are considering donating to, so the ability to trust a group of professionals with that task is a fantastic way to ensure charitable giving ends up having the greatest possible impact on those in need in our community.

What put you on a path to attending NYU?

I was always interested in an acting career, and it was my understanding that NYU was one of the best schools to attend to pursue that ambition.

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YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL: YOUR GIFTS DEVELOP FUTURE LEADERS

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL GRANTS

The Youth Philanthropy Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation made the following grant awards to local nonprofits during in 2020-21 program year:

Save The River — \$5,000 to help execute a “Trash River Cleanup” initiative to remove and dispose of trash near the St. Lawrence River and along the mainland and U.S. islands. Up to 250 volunteers are expected to deploy in support of the cleanup effort. This matching grant will allow for associated materials and expanded reach along the St. Lawrence River.

North Star Food Hub — \$3,500 to support cooking and nutrition classes in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension. The grant award will help provide fresh local produce for up to 325 individuals for 20 weeks after they participate in educational workshops.

Orchestra of Northern New York — \$3,458 to partner with Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute to make its Link Up program available for free to students in grades three through five at all tri-county schools. The year-long project will conclude with a concert in which students will sing and play with the orchestra. Grant support will help compensate professional musicians. This grant award was supplemented with an additional \$1,542 from the **Herring College Fund of the Community Foundation** for a total project grant of \$5,000.

Adams Free Library — \$2,000 to help purchase materials to strengthen library programs while developing new initiatives to expand services for youth and teen residents and transform the library into a bigger focal point for the community, facilitating educational and STEM activities in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

North Country Children’s Museum — \$1,800 to help develop a new flight lab interactive exhibit that will allow children to design and test their flying creations using wind power while exploring concepts in engineering, creativity, innovation, collaboration, and critical thinking. Grant funding will help purchase exhibit materials.

Cape Vincent Community Food Pantry — \$1,442 to aid in the purchase of critical food and related supplies, including pet food, for those who need essential support. The grant will help buy pet food and six grocery carts to accommodate larger families.



YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL CLASS OF 2021-2022: Back row, from left: **Owen Newton**, South Jefferson; **Adelaide Weir**, Watertown; **Jack Buckingham**, South Jefferson; **Zachary Kilburn**, Watertown; **Julian St. Croix**, Immaculate Heart; **Trey Augliano**, Watertown; **Sidney Wheeler III**, South Jefferson. Middle row, from left: **Ella Arnott**, Watertown; **Romi LaClair**, South Jefferson; **Lucas Lavarney**, General Brown; **Haily Boker**, South Jefferson; **Jack Mangan**, South Jefferson; and **Zachary Blevins**, South Jefferson. Front row, from left: **Anmolika Bolla**, Watertown; **Kaylee Fields**, General Brown; and **Katherine Banazek**, South Jefferson.

The Youth Philanthropy Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation’s Class of 2020-2021 recently awarded \$17,200 in grants to six North Country nonprofit organizations that will support a wide range of community programs and projects.

The Council reviews requests annually from tri-county nonprofits to fund projects or initiatives that positively impact the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties. In addition to researching and recommending grants, Council members visit nonprofit organizations, learn about grant stewardship, community investment and leadership, and nonprofit sustainability.

The Council received 23 funding proposals during the last program year with eight agencies invited to present requests to the full Council. Members delivered grant recommendations to the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors during its June quarterly meeting. The Board unanimously approved the full slate of grant recommendations.

Council Co-Chair **Blake Edgar**, a second-year member and 2021 South Jefferson High School graduate, said the grant selection process was a great learning and growth experience for this year’s group.

“The Youth Philanthropy Council is so proud to award these organizations grant

funding. It was a long and challenging process but through thoughtful discussion and analysis, the Council selected six nonprofits that benefit our community in their own unique ways,” Miss Edgar said. “As a Council, we have grown in immeasurable ways. We have not only learned to be aware of the need in our community but have also learned about the goodness of those in the North Country who look to serve the needs of others. It was truly an honor and privilege to serve on the Youth Philanthropy Council and support these nonprofits that continue to have an amazing impact on our community every day.”

Council Grants Committee Chair **Maxwell Gray**, a second-year member and 2021 South Jefferson High School graduate, noted how the Council’s work through the past year extends well “beyond benefiting these wonderful organizations.”

“The Youth Philanthropy Council is one of the most involved, dedicated, and diverse groups of teenagers I have ever collaborated with. The Council allows all students, advisors, and community members touched by this organization to evolve to a greater being,” Mr. Gray said. “These six organizations, with projects totaling \$17,200, are particularly interesting and impressive agencies in the community that directly impact the diverse community needs of our tri-county area.”

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THE YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE



Lucas Barney
Watertown High School



Isabelle Boyce
Watertown High School



Blake Edgar
South Jefferson High School

YPC Class of 2020-21 graduates

Lucas Barney
Communications Committee

Isabelle Boyce
Council Co-Chair; Communications Committee; Service Committee

Blake Edgar
Council Co-Chair; Communications Committee

Maxwell Gray
Chair, Grants Committee

Logan Hess
Service Committee

Eloise Johnson
Grants Committee

Tadd Ledoux
Grants Committee

Philip Marra III
Council Vice Chair; Communications Committee

Dakota Sloat
Service Committee

YPC graduates reflect on lessons in service

Lucas Barney

What is most memorable about your Council service?

Learning how there is always something going on in your community you can help with. Whether an event, a person, or organization, the opportunities to help improve our community are nearly endless. Learning where you can help connects you closer to your community. Discovering this as a young person will prove so helpful in coming years through college and into adulthood.

Lucas Barney
Years service: 3
YPC leadership: Communications Committee
School: Watertown
Extracurricular activities: Stage Notes, varsity tennis, equestrian
Parents: Rebecca and Jacob Barney
College: Nazareth College
Major: Biomedical sciences
Career goal: Trauma surgeon

As you continue your education, what will you take with you from your YPC experience? Getting out and helping. Volunteering as I enter a new community will help me learn about where I am living. And not only volunteering, but how to reach out to others, meet new people, and learn what organizations need help. For many organizations, showing up and asking if you can volunteer could change their world.

Isabelle Boyce

What surprised you the most as you learned more deeply about the needs of our region? Living in a place like Northern New York and

going to high school in Watertown, you see some of the needs of your peers. The most eye-opening and surprising was hearing from nonprofits in the surrounding areas. You never truly know how much help an area needs until you're exposed to the work of so many organizations that are helping.

What is your perception of community philanthropy as you now understand it and how did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy?

It has grown tremendously. Philanthropy amounts to improving the quality of life around you whether it is through arts, history, education, or health and basic needs. Each time I attended a Council meeting, I learned a different need or want in my community. Philanthropy has become a lifestyle because it's not always about giving money; it is about generosity, stewardship, and doing public good.

Isabelle Boyce
Years service: 3
YPC leadership: Council Co-chair, Service Committee (senior year); Communications Chair (junior year)
School: Watertown
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Rotary Interact Club, Ohio Reading Buddies, varsity volleyball
Parents: Renee and Michael Boyce
College: University at Albany
Major: Education
Career goal: Middle school / high school health teacher

Blake Edgar

As you continue your education, what will you take with you from your YPC experience? I will know

how to actively identify the needs of a community and opportunities to support them. When you step outside of the community you've grown up in and put yourself in a different environment, you must actively learn what is lacking and what you can do to help. I've acquired skills that will help me navigate this. I also value other personal developments I've acquired like leadership, communication, facilitative, and decision-making skills.

Based on what you learned during your YPC service, what is the largest unmet need in our region and how can we work to bridge the gap?

Cultural enhancement and recreational services. Due to COVID, there was a huge focus on health and human services in our communities. At the time, that needed support and was extremely important to the well-being of many. Now I feel there is a great need for more cultural and recreational activities as needs shift. People lack outlets that are essential to their mental/emotional well-being.

Blake Edgar
Years service: 2
YPC leadership: Council Co-chair (senior year); Communications Committee
School: South Jefferson
Extracurricular activities: Student Council, LEAD, SADD, varsity cross country, track and volleyball
Parents: Heidi and Brian Edgar
College: SUNY Brockport
Major: Nursing
Career goal: Nurse practitioner

2022 Grant opportunity

■ The Community Foundation's **Youth Philanthropy Council** will accept 2022 funding proposals in the fall. Contact **Kraig Everard**, Community Foundation director of stewardship and programs, **315-782-7110**, or **kraig@nnycf.org**, to learn more about how to apply for up to \$20,000 available.

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THE YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE

YPC — Did you know?

■ Since 2010, the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council has awarded **112** grants totaling **\$180,070** in support to nonprofit organizations that serve tri-county residents, and nearly **140** students from **seven different North Country high schools** have served as Council members.



Maxwell Gray
South Jefferson High School

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Volunteering for and financially supporting mental health organizations would go a long way to help.

Maxwell Gray

What surprised you the most as you learned more deeply about the needs of our region?

The number of people in our region who require support and financial assistance. As I learned more about the tri-county area through community service and grant applications, I realized a balance of health and human services and cultural, historical, and recreation is needed. I will never forget how the Council expanded my view of our sense of community. All aspects of life need assistance, not only health-related services.

What is your perception of community philanthropy as you now understand it, and how did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy? Not only allocating funds to specific organizations that have tremendous impacts but giving your time, focusing on the public good,

Maxwell Gray
Years service: 2
YPC leadership: Grants Committee Chair (senior year)
School: South Jefferson
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, class treasurer, Debate Club, Founder—Spartan Helper, Samaritan Medical Center volunteer, varsity baseball, soccer
Parents: Maja Lundborg-Gray and Daniel Gray
College: Boston College
Major: Economics
Career goal: Economics-related graduate school



Logan Hess
South Jefferson High School

and assisting all aspects of the community regardless of financial ability. Council service opened my eyes to different elements of community that are struggling and need assistance. Growing up, I noticed a lack of food in our area but never realized other areas in need, such as Hospice or mental health. YPC gave me a platform to address these needs.

Logan Hess

What is most memorable about your Council service? The thing that is most memorable about my service is how I have changed through my experience. My first day on the Council, I was reserved and was reluctant to share my opinions and perspectives aloud with the Council. By my last day, I had gained so much confidence as a speaker and no longer hesitated to share my thoughts aloud every chance I could, advocating for things I believed in.

What is your perception of community philanthropy as you now understand it and how did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy? My perception on community philanthropy has changed a lot. I always thought that it was just a bunch of people with money donating it to people they believed needed it. It's more than that though. Being a philanthropist is recognizing the

Logan Hess
Years service: 2
YPC leadership: Service Committee
School: South Jefferson
Extracurricular activities: varsity baseball
Parents: Ann Fons and Don Hess
College: Jefferson Community College
Major: Biology
Career goal: General dentist



Eloise Johnson
Watertown High School

issue and helping to solve it, whether it's donating money, time, or even just talking to a person. You don't need money to be a philanthropist, and this community could use many more philanthropists.

Eloise Johnson

What is most memorable about your Council service? The amount of care and respect council members and advisors have for each other and how efficiently decisions were reached during discussion because of that. YPC helped teach me how to really listen more to other ideas and opinions and form compromises and agreements based on that.

Based on what you learned during your YPC service, what is the largest unmet need in our region and how can we work to bridge the gap?

Probably food and essential needs as those are most necessary for human survival. I also believe the needs for creative outlets like libraries, trails, and free clubs are even more important. Because basic needs of food capture so much focus, sometimes other things are easily overlooked. The Council did a really great job determining how to thoughtfully choose to equally support parts of all needs.

Eloise Johnson
Years service: 1
YPC leadership: Grants Committee
School: Watertown
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Environmental Club, Ohio Reading Buddies, varsity track and field and swimming
Parents: Kate and John Johnson
College: Middlebury College
Major: Undecided
Career goal: Undecided

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.

THE YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE



Tadd Ledoux
Immaculate Heart Central School

Tadd Ledoux

What is your perception of community philanthropy as you now understand it, and how did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy?

I appreciate having a significant role and a voice that is heard in my community. I have been able to make an impact in our society despite my age. So many times, my generation is regarded as unwise or immature, but I, along with many other young people, have unique perspectives that can be

used to do good deeds and make a difference in the world. I have been influenced by my family as well as my colleagues on the Council. The experience has opened my eyes to community needs, and the students and adults on the Council have taught me how to look for ways to help that are sustainable and impactful.

What surprised you the most as you learned more deeply about the needs of our region? The amount of need that there is in the tri-county area, but also the number of organizations and people dedicated to meeting those needs, is something I was never aware of before serving on the Council.

Tadd Ledoux
Years service: 2
YPC leadership: Grants Committee
School: Immaculate Heart
Extracurricular activities: Odyssey of the Mind, Faith Community Service, Rotary Interact Club
Parents: Tricia and Michael
Ledoux
College: St. Lawrence University
Major: English and film studies
Career goal: Screenwriter



Philip Marra III
Watertown High School

Philip Marra III

What is most memorable about your Council service? Our ability to overcome the hardships of COVID and quarantine in the spring of 2020 and still be able

to meet and award funding to local nonprofits. At the time, we were living in a world that was foreign to us all. Our advisors helped guide us through a very difficult time. The resilience the Council showed in those few months was truly remarkable, and that time really brought us together and prepared us for the upcoming year.

As you continue your education, what will you take with you from your YPC experience? The importance of diversity in a community, whether that be the balance of basic human needs with cultural enhancement, or a cultural balance of gender, sexual orientation, and beliefs. That's

Philip Marra III
Years service: 3
YPC leadership: Council Vice Chair (senior year); Communications Committee
School: Watertown
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Stage Notes, Safe Schools Endeavor, WHS Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Select Choir; NAFME All-Eastern and NYSSMA All-State Virtual Mixed Choirs, NYSSMA All-State Mixed Choir, WHS Musicals, Area All-State Chorus, Bi-County Jazz Band, Bi-County Chorus, Watertown Lyric Theater, Little Theatre of Watertown
Parents: Ticia and Kyle Aumell
College: SUNY Fredonia
Major: Music composition with emphasis in vocal performance
Career goal: Composer/musician



Dakota Sloat
Watertown High School

what makes a community unique, and it's a lesson I won't soon forget.

Dakota Sloat

What surprised you the most as you learned more deeply about the needs of our region?

The number and range of needs in our region. I never realized how many nonprofit organizations there are in just our county that need help fulfilling their missions.

What is your perception of community philanthropy as you now understand it and how did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy? To me, a philanthropist is anyone who gives back to his or her community, and there are many ways to give back and make a significant positive impact. Whether it's planting trees in Thompson Park, sponsoring Christmas for a family in need, picking up neighborhood trash, or helping award grant money to aid a diverse group of nonprofit organizations, the Council's philanthropy took many forms. A valuable lesson I learned through my service is how to take a little and make it into a lot. The best example is how a little act of kindness is a meaningful act of giving that can go a long way in a community.

Dakota Sloat
Years service: 2
YPC leadership: Service Committee
School: Watertown
Extracurricular activities: SkillsUSA, Truth Seekers president Good News Club, varsity cheerleading captain
Parents: Dallas and Charles Sloat III
College: Jefferson Community College
Major: Early childhood education
Career goal: Elementary teacher

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.



YPC — Did you know?

■ The Community Foundation's **Youth Philanthropy Council** was chartered in 2010 to promote positive youth development and engage young people in meaningful activities that build their skills while educating them about community philanthropy and its impact on **Northern New York**. Council members grow to become critical thinkers and problem solvers as they engage in lessons that may never be taught in a classroom.



THE DIFFERENCE YOUR GIFTS MAKE

2020-21 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge

Grant recipients & winning students



SOUTH JEFF BACKPACK PROGRAM: From left, **Donna Stevens** and **Fred Morris** of the South Jeff Backpack Program; **Alexsandra Blevins**, South Jefferson Middle School and Youth Giving Challenge winner; **Karen Todd-Blevins**, Alexsandra's mother and South Jefferson High School teacher; and **Chris Castle**, Community Bank Adams Branch manager.



HOSPICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY: From left, **Diana Woodhouse**, Hospice of Jefferson County CEO and **Koel Everard**, Carthage Middle School eighth grader and Youth Giving Challenge winner.



WATERTOWN URBAN MISSION: From left, **Dawn Cole**, executive director, Watertown Urban Mission; **Grayson Feisthmel**, 2020-21 Case Middle School eighth grader and Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Paula Feisthmel**.

"Community means a place where people help out to make it a good place to live. I love to see people help other people who need it."

— Riley Burns, Case Middle School, Watertown



ROSWELL P. FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY: From left, **Madison Indivero**, Community Bank retail services officer, Watertown; Riley's father, **Andy Burns**; **Riley Burns**, Case Middle School eighth grader and Youth Giving Challenge winner; and Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library Director **Yvonne Reff**.



NEIGHBORS OF WATERTOWN: From left, Michael's mother, **Marci Lumbis**; **Quinn Simpson**, Community Bank customer service representative, Watertown; **Michael Lumbis**, Case Middle School eighth grader and Youth Giving Challenge winner; Neighbors of Watertown Executive Director **Reg Schweitzer**; and Michael's father, **Michael Lumbis**.

"When good things happen in my community everyone celebrates, but when bad things happen, the community steps up to help each other out."

— Alexsandra Blevins,
South Jefferson Middle School, Adams

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"I believe the path many take to leave the town they grew up in to pursue bigger and better things, often surrounded by strangers attempting the same thing, is not in everyone's best interest. Many young people would be better off to 'bloom where they're planted,' leaning on family and community ties for support as they grow a career or business."

— Mark Anthony Taylor, on making career decisions

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What is special about the North Country that led you to move back from New York City? First and foremost, family. My time at school then working in New York City helped me realize that proximity to my family is one of my top priorities. I believe the path many take to leave the town you grew up in to pursue bigger and better things, often surrounded by strangers attempting the same thing, is not in everyone's best interest. In fact, many young people would be better off to bloom where they're planted, leaning on family and community ties for support as they grow a career or business.

How has your education helped you advance professionally? My time in college gave me a chance to explore professional interests. I was fortunate to leave school without substantial debt, which I would consider critical to my success. So many high schoolers are pressured into attending colleges where they are sure to graduate with tens of thousands of dollars in debt. I think we do a great disservice to our youth when we don't adequately inform them about the risk of student loan bills that come with no guaranteed income.

Success in real estate is driven by an ability to develop meaningful relationships. From your experience with the Community Foundation, what has helped you nurture professional and personal relationships in your community? Sincerity is critical to developing business relationships. The Youth Philanthropy Council helped me to understand what it means to steward resources that other people brought to the table, and I think that responsibility translates well to the real estate world where I am now responsible for taking care of a clients' sale or purchase.

What kind of real estate do you specialize in? Residential home sales, particularly helping homebuyers find appropriately priced homes that won't come with unforeseen expenses through the years and helping sellers have a comfortable



experience while pursuing top dollar.

What experiences in your community have helped develop your character and made you the man you are today? Athletics are an invaluable part of growing up. Respectful competition is a great way to build confidence and drive.

What is special about Northern New York that keeps you committed to maintain your involvement and efforts to give back? The St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario are two of the most beautiful places I've ever seen. Aside from that, there are a lot of great people up here.

What would you tell high school students who are now considering college and career options? There is no harm in taking time before diving into the next phase of your life. It is wrong for society to expect you to know what you want the rest of your life to look like at age 18. Don't let anyone make you feel incompetent or inferior if you decide that college is not the right fit for you at this time. Electricians, plumbers, HVAC technicians, contractors, and heavy machinists often earn more money than some college graduates and certainly have skill sets that will not be as easily replaced by automation.

How can we best lead younger generations to be involved in their communities? How do we encourage younger generations to stay involved in the North Country beyond high school graduation? Gainful employment, affordable housing,

and a good culture are the three main drivers of capable young adults to an area. Fort Drum provides a tremendous financial benefit, and housing prices in the North Country are higher for it. A focus on non-military job creation to help support our local graduates would certainly help keep some of our most talented young people in the area.

Philanthropy is about sharing your time and talents, as much as giving. What has influenced you most to contribute to your community?

I participated in a program at NYU geared toward high school-aged men in the inner city. The program facilitated one-on-one mentoring between college and high school students. It helped me learn the value of young people hearing "yes, I believe in you."

What is your best advice for today's students as they consider their career choices? In general, I advise pursuing a career where you can make a good living. A great book to read is "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" by Robert Kiyosaki. The book details the difference between earning income as an employee or a business owner/investor.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? My wife, Cesia, had our first child, a son named Ezra, in late April this year. God-willing, 10 years from now, he'll have a few siblings. Professionally, I plan to open a real estate investment fund with my brother, Noah (a 2014 Youth Philanthropy Council alumnus) who also works in the real estate space.

FIRST YPC CLASS: The Northern New York Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Council pictured during its first meeting in 2010. Seated, from left: **Jessica Satchwell, Dennis Caughlin, Mark Anthony Taylor, Meghan L'Huillier, Kate Moore, Sara Glover.** Standing, from left: **Kaitlyn Snellings, Sarah Van Eenenaam, Damon Draught II, Cameron Devlin, Neil Ossola, and Michael Moore.** Not pictured: **Alana Parker.**

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.**

YOUR GIFTS STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY HEALTH

IMPROVING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE: A Community Foundation grant to the **North Country Family Health Center** will help support an expansion of the Center's dental health facility at its main location on Arsenal Street. When complete, three new exam rooms will mirror dental exam rooms like the one pictured at the Center's Evans Mills clinic. Learn more at nocofamilyhealth.org



Foundation grant helps North Country Family Health Center expand dental care Project enables greater access for Jefferson, Lewis residents

Nonprofit 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 Community Foundation grant will help the North Country Family Health Center expand oral health care services at its main Arsenal Street location, which will provide safe and affordable access for patients while decreasing dependency on hospital and emergency room care across Jefferson and Lewis counties for oral health cases.

The Foundation's Board of Directors approved a \$25,000 award during a recent quarterly meeting that will enable the Health Center to move forward with a planned 1,200-square-foot renovation. The project will convert administrative space to create three new dental exam rooms and a lab, which will allow a significant expansion of oral health care services at 238 Arsenal Street. Recent research indicates a significant spike in emergency room cases because of oral care needs among rural residents of Jefferson and Lewis counties who have limited access to proper oral health care.

North Country Family Health Center CEO Joey Marie Horton said access to oral health care is an



“essential part of an individual's overall health and well-being.”

“Unfortunately, many in our communities lack access to affordable and timely oral health care. We are thrilled to be able to partner with the Community Foundation to expand access to oral health care in our community,” Ms. Horton said. “With the generous support of the Foundation, this expansion will allow for additional restorative dental procedures to be completed on site and will increase our staff by one dentist and one dental hygienist.”

The Federally Qualified Health

Center provides critical services to a wide range of residents, including individuals and families who are most vulnerable. Health Center officials anticipate about 2,100 patients annually will gain access to affordable oral care when the new space opens by the end of this year.

Ms. Horton added that the Health Center accepts all patients, and offers a sliding fee scale based on income, so the additional dental services will enable all residents to access proper preventive care that could prevent costlier oral medical emergencies.

The grant award builds upon many years of Community Foundation support of overall accessibility to community health services through the Health Center. It also underscores the belief of many Foundation donors who, through many decades of giving, have held access to health care close to their hearts.

The importance of dental health as it relates to the community's overall health and well-being is critical. The grant also strengthens the Health Center's ability to help provide the best opportunities for those who are most vulnerable.

YOUR GIFTS AID ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Nature Center endowment supports education

Foundation partnership ensures vital mission will advance

The Minna Anthony Common Nature Center has partnered with the Community Foundation to launch the **Minna Anthony Common Nature Center Endowment Fund**. Through this fund, the Nature Center is positioned well for future growth and its mission and work will be supported in perpetuity. Each year the Nature Center welcomes nearly 40,000 visitors to enjoy a broad range of nature-based events, programs, and educational opportunities.

“The Nature Center is an important asset for the entire region, and through this new endowment fund we will be able to ensure its legacy and impact for generations to come,” said **Matthew Elliott**, former president of the Friends of the Nature Center Board of Directors.

Mr. Elliott was president of the Friends of the Nature Center Board when it chose to establish the endowment at the Community Foundation. He said the decision was an easy one, given the “decades-long history the Foundation has as a leading steward of similar funds for dozens of nonprofits across Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties.”

“We are exceptionally grateful to the Community Foundation for its careful stewardship of this endowment and thank everyone who has given so generously in support of our mission.”

Through grants and donations, the Friends of the Nature Center raised nearly \$900,000 for its 50th anniversary project that saw a major renovation of the facility that was dedicated for use Aug. 14, 1969.

“The nice thing is that nature doesn’t change,” Mr. Elliott said. “The museum needed an update to catch up with the times.”

The Community Foundation saw value in the project and awarded a \$50,000 grant toward the campaign and provided an additional \$25,000 matching grant to help build a permanent endowment fund stewarded at the Community Foundation.

The grant support was a unique opportunity to build upon a successful public-private partnership that has worked effectively to benefit



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Friends of the Nature Center board of directors

the Nature Center and the region, ensuring that the center remains a thriving regional asset while promoting education and environmental stewardship across the generations and seasons.

As stewards of the fund, the Community Foundation offers the community a specialized charitable giving platform where donors can confidently support the organization and its efforts.

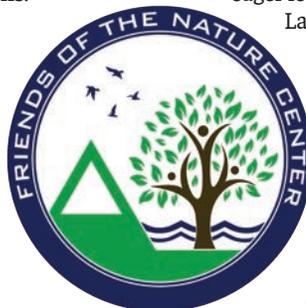
The community can support the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center Endowment Fund and the organization’s efforts through gifts to the fund at the Community Foundation.

The Nature Center is a year-round facility on 600 acres of land within the Wellesley Island State Park. Founded on the principles of environ-

mental conservation and education, it is one of the largest nature centers in New York’s state park system. The Minna Anthony Common Nature Center has educated thousands of eager learners along the St.

Lawrence River for more than 50 years. Its goal is to continue this tradition by offering diverse programming designed to educate patrons about the environment around them. Visitors to the Nature Center can explore

numerous ecosystems as they travel the varied landscapes of Wellesley Island State Park. From the shores of Eel Bay, across grassy meadows, through wetlands and forests, and along the rocky outcrops leading to the cliffs above the Narrows, nine miles of hiking trails are accessible to the public.



PARTNERING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: Brycen

Marshall, 7, of Clayton, cranks an apple press to help make cider as other curious youths look on during the 42nd Annual Autumn Festival at **Minna Anthony Common Nature Center** at Wellesley Island State Park in October. Learn more at macnaturecenter.com.

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In memory of Minna

■ **Minna Anthony Common** was a Watertown resident who spent summers at her home in Thousand Island Park. She was a leading authority on the birds, flowers, trees, animals, and grasses of Northern New York. For 25 years prior to her death in 1950, her pen-and-ink illustrations and written work on natural history were published in the “Farm and Garden” section of the **Watertown Daily Times**. The **Thousand Islands Park Commission** voted unanimously to name the **Minna Anthony Common Nature Center** in her memory as a tribute to her pioneering work in the field of environmental education. The Nature Center was dedicated Aug. 4, 1969.

YOUR GIFTS PRESERVE NORTH COUNTRY HISTORY

SAVING LOCAL HISTORY:

From left: St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum Trustees **Gilbert Rivers, Kirke W. Perry, Lee W. Dezell, Roger S. Austin,** and **Robert J. Marshall** gather on the new foundation for the historic Nevin Memorial Church on the museum's village green. Visit slpowermuseum.com to learn more.



Enduring support

■ The **St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum** was one of the first nonprofits in St. Lawrence County to become a Foundation partner, establishing a permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation in 2012. Gifts to help build the fund are appreciated.

Did you Know?

■ Since 1983, Madrid's **St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum** has aimed to preserve and teach the history of how early North Country residents lived and the many ways technology and equipment helped shape their lives. Its expansive collection includes hundreds of artifacts and features approximately 30 historical buildings, exhibits and collections. Featured buildings and artifacts include a schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop, a two-story granary, a gas station, steam engines, log cabin and more.

Keeping St. Lawrence County history alive Foundation grant helps Lisbon church reach new home

A \$10,000 Community Foundation grant will support efforts under way at the **St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum** to stabilize and restore the historic **Nevin Memorial Church** that once stood in Lisbon.

The 1855 structure was donated to the museum in November 2020. In February, museum officials commissioned its deconstruction and successfully moved the structure to the Power and Equipment Museum's main campus where it will join more than a dozen other historic buildings on the museum's village green.

Nevin Memorial Church permanently closed its doors in December 2019 after 164 years of worship. Anticipating its closure, church trustees approached the Power and Equipment Museum's board and offered the building and its contents to the museum.

The museum plans to feature historic exhibits in the church and add it to campus tours. Among other valu-

able details, the structure features 12 stained glass windows created by the renowned Horwood family of stained-glass artists from Ogdensburg. Each window is being restored in preparation for re-installation.

In addition to its role as an important addition to the village green and depiction of early North Country life, museum officials plan to offer the church as a venue for weddings, memorial services, and other community gatherings.

Ronald E. Sheppard, president of the St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum Board of Trustees, said Community Foundation support "is an invaluable addition to our efforts as we build out this significant and impressive contribution to our campus."

"Thanks to generous supporters like the Community Foundation, this will enhance a strong sense of community involvement and pride, foster historical preservation, and promote economic development

in our rural corner of the county," Mr. Sheppard said. "The museum continues to grow its endowment at the Foundation and develop exciting plans for the future."

The museum has a near decade-long history of working with the Community Foundation.

In 2012, not long after the Community Foundation expanded its service area to include St. Lawrence County, the Power and Equipment Museum was one of the first nonprofits in the county to establish a Foundation partnership with a permanent endowment fund. In 2017, the museum successfully fulfilled a matching grant challenge for its endowment that is stewarded at the Community Foundation.

Today, through the gifts of many donors, the Community Foundation partners with more than 50 nonprofit organizations serving St. Lawrence County residents, helping them to build capacity, establish agency endowments and more.

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— Ronald E. Sheppard, president, St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum Board of Trustees

YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT LOCAL SCHOOLS



PLAYING FOR A PURPOSE: From left: **Emma Bence, Sam Cavallario, Noah Bence,** and **Mac Johnson** participate in the 2021 Lunch Break Classic at Watertown Golf Club. The annual tournament supports **The Cavallario Education Fund of the Community Foundation**. Follow the Cavallario Education Fund on Facebook.

Young professional supports educational needs Cavallario Education Fund a resource for local schools, teachers

Sam Cavallario is combining his passions to help local schools in a big way through a charitable fund he established at the Community Foundation.

The **Cavallario Education Fund of the Community Foundation** supports the educational needs of students, teachers, faculty, and staff in schools across the tri-county region. In its first two years of grantmaking, it has awarded more than \$6,000 to the **Watertown City School District** and **Immaculate Heart Central**, Mr. Cavallario's alma mater, to fund classroom supplies, field trips, transportation, and a reading nook.

A 2008 Immaculate Heart graduate, Mr. Cavallario is no stranger to how dedicated teachers often spend their own money on supplies and essential items to support their students. His mother, **Laurie Cavallario**, and his aunt, **Deborah Loftus**, were teachers in the Watertown City School District for more than 30 years. His sister, **Allison Cavallario Prevost**, presently teaches at Knickerbocker Elementary.

As a young boy, he recalls his mother often pitching in to help many children she taught.

"I grew up around teachers all my life and I wanted to help with things they don't get through traditional school funding," Mr. Cavallario said.

"The Cavallario Education Fund at the Community Foundation is a win-win. It supports our local educators and students to make sure their needs are met."

— Patricia B. LaBarr, Superintendent, Watertown City School District

"There will always be something more we can do to enhance the educational experience of our students."

Mr. Cavallario's playbook doesn't end there. For most of 31 years, he's been in love with the game of golf. It's a passion he's leveraged to produce **The Lunch Break Classic**, an annual summer tournament to benefit The Cavallario Education Fund.

As the event evolves, he plans to invite junior golfers and encourage youth to take up the sport.

"We see golf as a healthy way to focus on positive youth development while still benefiting education through our fundraising," Mr. Cavallario said. "Our biggest goal is to improve community interaction and raise awareness of the mission."

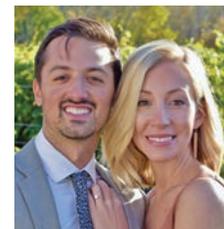
A contracting supervisor for **Renzi Foodservice**, Mr. Cavallario is

grateful for the support of his wife, **Mariah**, and his family, as well as his employer and many other local businesses that have generously given to enable grantmaking to local schools.

Watertown City School District Superintendent **Patricia B. LaBarr** helped connect Mr. Cavallario with

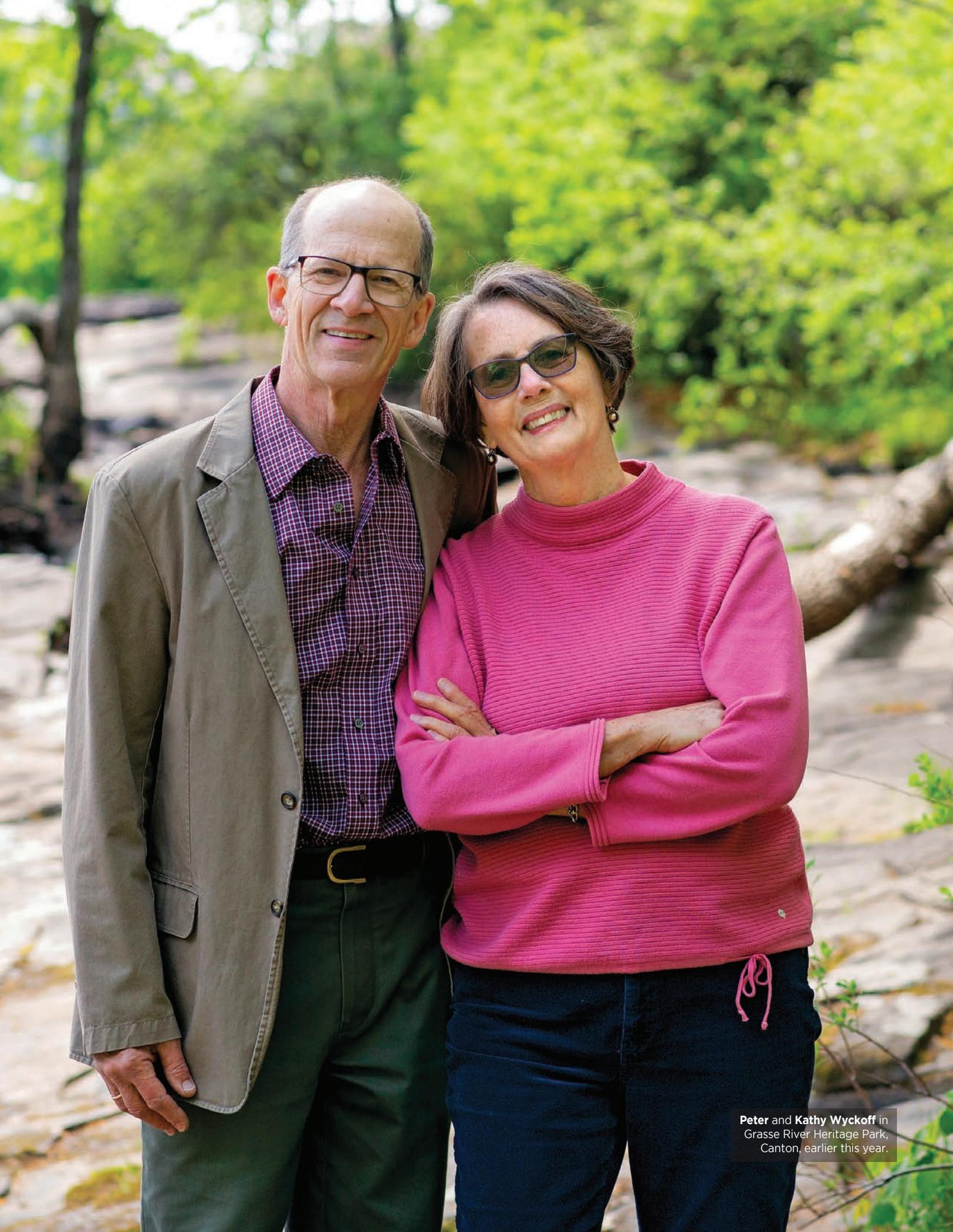
the Community Foundation when he approached her with his idea to support teachers.

"The Watertown City School District is beyond grateful for Sam and his mission to support local education. Sam has seen first-hand the dedication, commitment, and monetary support from his own family to make sure that their students' needs are met. The Cavallario Education Fund at the Community Foundation is a win-win. It supports our local educators and students."



A big impact

■ Led by **Sam Cavallario** and his wife, **Mariah**, **The Cavallario Education Fund of the Community Foundation** has made a meaningful impact. In its first two years of grantmaking, the fund awarded **\$6,108** to support a broad range of educational needs at **Immaculate Heart Central** and the **Watertown City School District**. As the fund grows, support will extend to other school districts in the region.



Peter and Kathy Wyckoff in Grasse River Heritage Park, Canton, earlier this year.

CONNECTING DONORS WITH OPPORTUNITIES

FOR THE LOVE of COMMUNITY

For Kathy and Peter Wyckoff, supporting their passions through the Community Foundation has helped create opportunities for others

For years, Canton residents Katherine M. “Kathy” and Peter B. Wyckoff have shared their time, talent, and treasure with local causes and organizations that work to improve the quality of life in their community. The couple serve as advisors to the **Brookmar Fund**, a donor-advised fund they established at the **Community Foundation** in 2013. Through the Brookmar Fund, they generously support many local causes and nonprofit organizations. Recently, they provided a matching gift to the **Canton Community Fund of the Community Foundation** to support its ongoing **Campaign for Canton** and help build its permanent endowment within the Community Foundation. In 2019, they helped establish an endowment at the Community Foundation for **North Country Public Radio** and, most recently, worked with **The Nature Conservancy** to establish an endowment for its **Adirondack Chapter** that supports its work in Northern New York. Kathy and Peter share their call to community philanthropy, what inspires them to give, and how they came to value their relationship with the Community Foundation.

What does community philanthropy mean to you? We try to look at the areas of need in our close community and North Country region and determine how we can help make things a little better. Giving financial support is, of course, important, but we also recognize that volunteering our time is important, too. One of the great benefits of volunteering for local nonprofits is meeting and working with other people toward a common goal.

KATHERINE M. ‘KATHY’ & PETER B. WYCKOFF

AGE: Kathy: 72; Peter: 69

HOMETOWN: Kathy: Manlius; Peter: Geneva

EDUCATION: Kathy: Associate degree in Nursing, **SUNY Canton**; Nurse Practitioner training at **Community General Hospital**, Syracuse; Peter: Bachelor of Arts, **St. Lawrence University**, Canton

FAMILY: Children **Cassidy** and **Elizabeth** (Liz); two grandchildren

CAREERS: Kathy: retired Nurse Practitioner, **Planned Parenthood of Northern New York**; Peter: retired carpenter/contractor

COMMUNITY: Members of **The Unitarian Universalist Church of Canton**; Kathy is the 2016 recipient of **SUNY Canton’s Distinguished Alumna Award** and a **Northern New York Community Foundation** board member; Peter is a **Grasse River Heritage** board member. Together, the couple actively volunteer and support many local causes and organizations, directing their giving through the **Brookmar Fund**, a donor-advised fund they established at the Community Foundation nearly 10 years ago.

What inspires you to be involved in helping to make your community and the world around you better? Our parents were good examples of gifting both their time and money. We see people from our church and in the wider community who put so much energy into helping others and improving the quality of life for everyone. It feels good to support some of the organizations and initiatives that strive to make the North Country a safer, healthier, and more enjoyable place to live.

How did you land on this journey to become community philanthropists?

Our connections in Canton, through our jobs, church, and friends all helped us realize how fortunate we are to have the time and money to donate. Once our children left home, we could offer to volunteer more often. An inheritance from Peter’s parents allowed us to start the process of making financial gifts.

What’s special to you both about The Nature Conservancy that led you to consider the gift you’ve made?

The Nature Conservancy is a worldwide organization that has local chapters here in New York, including its Adirondack Chapter. TNC’s work includes protecting land, water, and wildlife, as well as providing opportunities for people to connect with the natural world. The mission and methods that the organization uses makes them unique. They work with state and local municipalities, and other conservation partners to confront environmental problems. Yet, they recognize that helping to preserve our natural resources can be done alongside, and in cooperation with local business and industry groups. The Nature Conservancy is involved in several conservation projects in our region including restoring the Great Lakes, conserving Tug Hill forests, and protecting communities from flooding. It is meaningful for us to be involved in the creation of this partnership between the Community Foundation and the Nature Conservancy. We hope others will be inspired to contribute to the endowment so it can grow and be even more effective over time.

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– Kathy and Peter Wyckoff, Canton, on establishing an endowment at the Community Foundation for The Nature Conservancy

Scholarship perpetuates legacy of kindness

Brittany Walroth award supports students who face learning challenges

Brittany M. Walroth struggled through school from the time she was in second grade, when she was diagnosed with a learning disability.

Growing up in the General Brown School District, Brittany had an Individualized Education Plan, which supported her on her path to success. She graduated from high school in 2004.

Her kindness and affection for children were exceptional and led her to a job at the Child Development Center on Fort Drum where she worked for six years. In July 2010, she passed away after a car accident at the age of 23.

Her legacy has endured through the Brittany Walroth Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation, supporting 29 high school graduates from 10 Jefferson County schools since 2015.

Her parents, Neil and Darlene Walroth, began fundraising to establish the scholarship shortly after their only child passed as a way to help graduating seniors who have faced similar challenges succeed and go on to college or a technical school.

"She loved working with children and the kids just loved her. Because she had overcome such challenges herself, she always had a passion for the underdog," Mrs. Walroth said.



Brittany M. Walroth

Like many students who manage a learning disability, Brittany's struggles in school had a profound impact on her self-esteem and self-confidence, which was difficult for her parents to witness.

"No parent wants to see their child experience a hardship," Mrs. Walroth said. "Brittany came so far, and we want other students to know that support is there, too."

Mr. Walroth said he hopes students who earn the scholarship that bears his daughter's name see it as a positive signal that "people believe in them."

"Opportunities for so many kids like Brittany are rare," Mr. Walroth said. "We want to recognize them for their perseverance and help them continue beyond high school."

Jason J. Badalato received the Brittany Walroth Memorial Scholarship in June. A 2021 Carthage High School graduate, Jason now studies computer science at Le Moyne College in Syracuse. Diagnosed with autism as young boy, he has worked exceptionally hard to succeed.

"It meant a lot to be chosen for this scholarship," Jason said. "I have always had a drive to be the best I could be, just like Brittany. I am so appreciative of Brittany's parents and the Community Foundation for this honor, and I will continue to work hard to make them proud."

Learn more at brittanywalrothscholarshipforld.com.

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.

Decade later, community leadership continues

A decade after his passing, **Timothy F. Wright** continues to make a meaningful difference as those who knew and loved him perpetuate his legacy of thoughtful community leadership.

The **T.F. Wright Foundation**, a **Community Foundation** charitable fund, was established after Tim passed following an accident in 2011, to honor his legacy of positive community giving through educational scholarships and grants to nonprofit organizations.

Since 2013, 21 students have been awarded the **T.F. Wright Memorial Scholarship**, sharing more than \$40,000 in educational support. The scholarship is given annually to graduating seniors from Carthage, Copenhagen, or Lowville high schools who plan to attend Jefferson Community College and major in business and or technology. Scholarships have ranged from \$1,000 to a maximum of \$5,000.

Amy Gruner was engaged to Tim at the time of his passing. She said plans are under way to expand the scholarship program to also support nontraditional students who may be returning to post-secondary studies



Timothy F. Wright

as older adults, pursuing college, or technical education for the first time.

A golf tournament is held each year to raise money and support for the T.F. Wright Foundation as

well as awareness of its mission and how its work has helped the community.

Since 2011, grants totaling nearly \$34,000 have been awarded to nearly two-dozen nonprofit organizations to support community projects and programs. Just in the past year, the Foundation has supported the **VEM Food Pantry** in Carthage, **Carthage Area Hospital Foundation**, **Carthage Central School District's Coats for Kids Program**, the **Volunteer Transportation Center**, **Hearts for Youth**, **Save The River**, **Mercy Point Church**, **North Country Family Health Center**, **Harrisville Fire Department** and **Samaritan Summit Village**.

"The partnership between the T.F. Wright Foundation and the Northern

New York Community Foundation has enabled us to keep Tim's legacy of kindness and leadership alive," Ms. Gruner said. "We are proud to have supported so many worthy organizations while also giving students opportunities to reach their dreams as they pursue education beyond high school."

Tim was a lifelong North Country resident who proudly served in the U.S. Air Force for 14 years after graduating from Carthage High School in 1972. He was trained as a jet engine technician and rose to the rank of master sergeant, completing his service at Fort Drum. He owned and operated two businesses in the Carthage area. In 1985, he purchased **Carthage Fibre Drum**, and in 1998, Tim, his fiancée Amy, and his son **William**, formed **T.F. Wright & Sons Granite Foundry**.

He was known for his innovative spirit, boundless energy, and creativity. Tim used his pioneering spirit and love of the North Country to improve his community in many ways.

"His vision extended from improving his environment to giving back to the community he loved so dearly," Ms. Gruner said.



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.

YOUR GIFTS BROADEN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Sandstoner Foundation begins new partnership

Community Foundation stewardship will help ensure enduring impact for Potsdam grads

Potsdam's Sandstoner Foundation has named the Community Foundation as the permanent home for a series of scholarships it will steward as endowments.

Daniel Hayes, a member of Potsdam's Class of 1968, and his wife, Ellen, are among several alumni, teachers, administrators, and friends of Potsdam Central School who established the Sandstoner Foundation in December 2000 to provide scholarships and awards to graduating seniors at Potsdam who are continuing their education in college or the military. Since 2001, more than \$260,000 has been awarded to local students.

For more than 20 years, the volunteer-run Sandstoner Foundation depended on annual fundraising to ensure it had enough money to award its scholarships. A partnership with the Community Foundation meant the scholarships could be easily invested.

"With its long record of success and expertise, it made sense for us to have the Community Foundation invest several scholarships that could earn some additional income so we wouldn't have to rely so heavily on annual giving," Mr. Hayes said. "We still have some scholarships that are funded on an annual basis, which we may seek the Community Foundation's help with in the future."

Sandstoner Foundation scholarships held at the Community Foundation

Susan Williams Bullard Award

■ Established to remember a courageous woman and teacher who always thought of others before herself. The \$1,000 award is given annually to a senior who plans to become a teacher and who exhibits the character Susan demonstrated throughout her life.

Smith Family Award

■ Established in memory of James and Grace Smith. It is awarded to a senior who is an outstanding person, both in school and as a member of the community.

Michael Matthys Memorial Scholarship

■ Established by his family to honor Michael who was a friend to everyone and the 'glue' who held his class together. He loved animals and got along with everyone. He was a communications major and loved music.

Francisco Clark-Bouchard Memorial Scholarship

■ Established by his family and friends to remember a man who loved people, photography, sports, travel, cooking, and entertaining. It

is awarded to a senior with an interest in the visual arts and who is planning a career in a related field.

The Sipher Scholarship

■ Established to honor Dave and Kathy Sipher by Tony and Karen Collins and family. It is awarded to a senior who exhibits the great qualities exhibited by the Siphers in their teaching and commitment to students and each other. These include smiling often, school spirit, looking for the positive in difficult situations, and having a strong sense of community.

Karen Kirchgasser Memorial Scholarship

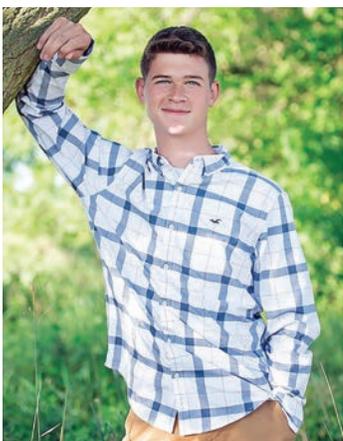
■ Established by her family and friends to honor Karen who was a 1985 Potsdam High School graduate. Karen worked in the United States Foreign Service, Congress, and for the State Department. She was a 1989 Syracuse University graduate and a 2005 George Washington University graduate where she earned a Master of International Policy and Practice. Karen passed away in 2012. Her scholarship is awarded to a senior who is planning a similar career.

A PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION: The Sandstoner Foundation recently partnered with the Community Foundation to steward six permanently endowed scholarships that benefit Potsdam High School graduates.

On the Web

■ To learn more about the Sandstoner Foundation, its work and history, visit sandstonerfoundation.org.

OGDENSBURG FREE ACADEMY ALUMNI SCHOLAR



Keighan Sias is this year's recipient of the Northern New York Community Foundation Ogdensburg Free Academy Alumni Scholarship. Keighan, a 2021 OFA graduate, attends Rochester Institute of Technology where he studies biomechanical engineering and aspires to work in the medical field to improve the lives of wounded military servicemen and women. He is the son of Shawna and Aaron Charlton, Ogdensburg, and Daniel Polniak Jr., Ogdensburg. "I want to design new prosthetics to help them get back to their daily life," Keighan said of his career goal. "I will be helping people

live their lives to the fullest." Keighan was a three-sport athlete throughout his time at OFA, competing in varsity soccer, hockey, and lacrosse and serving as a team captain during his senior year. Off the field of play, Keighan was a class officer and a National Honor Society member. Members of OFA's Class of 1962 established the OFA Alumni Scholarship at the Northern New York Community Foundation in 2012. It is a \$1,500 award presented annually to a graduating OFA student. Thanks to the generosity of OFA alumni and friends, the impact of this scholarship continues to grow.

Help support OFA students

■ The Community Foundation is honored to be the permanent home of this scholarship that provides meaningful support to OFA graduates today and will forever. To help build this fund, make gifts to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or online at nnycf.org.

Fallen firefighter's legacy will forever endure

Peyton Lane S. Morse Legacy Foundation perpetuates service

Stacy Snyder-Morse and her husband, David Morse, want the world to remember their son, Peyton, as an authentic man who was true to himself and always put others first.

"We hope when people hear unselfish laughter, or see a hand reached out to help them in their saddest moment, they think of Peyton," Mrs. Snyder-Morse said.

She and her husband recently established the **Peyton Lane S. Morse Legacy Foundation**, a charitable fund of the Community Foundation. Peyton was a LaFargeville native and Watertown City Firefighter who lost his life in March after suffering a medical emergency while training at the New York State Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls.

On Feb. 1, Peyton began his dream job as a City of Watertown professional firefighter. At just 21, he was already an experienced firefighter, having worked his way up to assistant fire chief with the **LaFargeville Volunteer Fire Department**, where he proved himself as an effective and empathetic leader. While a student at Siena College, he also volunteered with the **Shaker Road Loudonville Fire Department**.

Peyton was always drawn to firefighting, but it was his grandfather, **Samuel Snyder Sr.**, a volunteer firefighter with the Wallington Fire Department in Wayne County, who nurtured his interest and led him to a career.

He had also found happiness in his personal life and was engaged to marry **Celeste M. Oppito**, of LaFargeville, on Oct. 2, 2021. Peyton discovered his calling through service to others, demonstrating "an exceptional ability to show love and forgiveness," his mother said. His final gift as an organ donor saved the lives of three strangers.



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David Morse and his wife, Stacy Snyder-Morse, hold a portrait of their late son, **Peyton Lane S. Morse**, outside their LaFargeville home. The **Peyton Lane S. Morse Legacy Foundation** was recently established as a charitable fund of the Community Foundation dedicated to perpetuating the legacy of the fallen firefighter.

In the days and weeks after his passing, the **Watertown Firefighters Benevolent Association** helped Peyton's family as memorial gifts poured in from near and far. In Loudonville, the fire department held a successful fundraiser to honor Peyton as well. Donations from both organizations helped establish the **Peyton Lane S. Morse Legacy Foundation** at the Community Foundation.

Stacy and David said their family has taken some time to thoughtfully develop the mis-

sion and purpose of the charitable foundation that will honor their son.

"When we decided the best way to honor Peyton would be through creating a legacy foundation in his name, we wanted to do our best to pick up where Peyton left off and to help others as he would have done," Mrs. Snyder-Morse said. "Looking over our options, we knew the Community Foundation would be the perfect fit for how we wanted his legacy foundation to develop."

Stacy and David added that the Community Foundation allows their family "the freedom to establish the vision we have for Peyton's foundation, while providing guidance, support and encouragement when needed."

A major goal is annual educational support, providing an award to one or more students who are graduating from LaFargeville Central School District, Peyton's alma mater. The Morse family also plans to support first responders through grantmaking in the areas of professional development and education, training, equipment, and other activities.

Another charitable component will focus on needs across the broader community, providing emergency support to local organizations, helping nonprofits that seek to improve quality of life in the region and programs Peyton was involved with.

Most important, Stacy and David said, is how the foundation will encourage, recognize, and promote Peyton's character and his qualities of honesty, compassion, love, loyalty, hard work and humor.

"The best way to honor Peyton's legacy is for each of us to find our true moral compass. Find the direction that leads us to helping those around us without judgment," they said.

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

Schuessler Family Fund

Field of Interest Funds

10th Mountain Division (Light)
Wounded Warrior Fund

Community Performing Arts Enrichment Fund
Coach Steve Fisher Legacy Fund
Barbara D. & Robert J. Hanrahan Family Fund
Kiwanis Club of Watertown Legacy Fund
V. Irene Krencski Parochial School
Student Fund
Northern New York K9s Fund
Peyton Lane S. Morse Legacy Foundation
Neil Parks Family Spirit of Giving Foundation
Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund

Organization Funds

Adams Center Free Library Sustaining Fund
Credo Community Center Endowment Fund
Railway Historical Society of Northern
New York Sustaining Fund
Richard E. Winter Cancer Treatment Center
Warrior Fund

Project Funds

COVID-19 Memorial Fund

Scholarship Funds

William K. Archer Irish Festival Scholarship
Mary Bastian Memorial Foundation
Eleanor Greene Memorial Fund
William C. Heck Memorial Scholarship
Jon LaClair Award
Robert E. Larrabee Memorial Scholarship
Terry O'Brien Memorial Scholarship
Jacob Pete Memorial Scholarship
Penny Doolen Prosser Memorial Award
Dr. Albert (Jack) Schneider Youth Sailing
Scholarship
Marion Seavey & Doris Sanford Memorial Award
Oswegatchie Magic Campership Fund
Russell I. Wilcox Thousand Islands
Bridge Authority Scholarship

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 DeSignore, assistant director, 315-782-7110, or max@nnycf.org.



William K. Archer

Throughout his 37 years of service in public education, **William K. Archer** was devoted to helping students discover their talents while nurturing gifts that led so many of them to successful futures. His impact on countless North Country students will be felt for generations. Bill was born in 1943, in Lowville, a son to Kenneth and Louise Rich Archer, and grew up in Batavia. He graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 1965 and earned master's degrees at SUNY Oswego in 1970 and 1975. In March 1967, Bill married **Patricia Blossom** and together, they raised a son and a daughter. Bill began teaching sixth grade in 1965 in the Central Square School District and later became a guidance counselor for the West Genesee School District. In 1975, he moved to the North Country and found his permanent home in the General Brown

School District where he served as a principal, administrator and, from 1992 until his retirement in 2002, district superintendent. Bill was grateful for the rewarding career he enjoyed in education and was very proud to have been a General Brown Lion. He was also proud of his Irish heritage and was the co-founder and co-chairman of the North Country Goes Green Irish Festival that began in the 1980s. It is especially fitting that his family has chosen to honor Bill's life and memory through gifts to the **William K. Archer Irish Festival Scholarship**, a new permanent fund established at the Community Foundation to perpetuate his legacy. We join his wife, **Pat**, and his family in expressing our gratitude to all who made tributes in such a meaningful way.

Tribute gifts in memory of **William K. Archer**

Anthony & Cynthia Andre
Brian & Vira Archer
Pat Archer
Thomas & Mary Ann
Bartelson
Michael & Debra Battista
Beacon Education
Administrators
Association
Sue Benedict & Bill Smith
Victoria & John Bertrand
Paul & Diane Blossom
Tracy Colletta-Bottone &
Family
Margaret Calvert-Cason
Dick & Carol Capone

Michelle L. Capone
Joan E. Carlo
Dawn & Joe Condello
John & Alisha Couse
Max & Sara DelSignore
Nora Derrigo
Richard & Sandra Dodge
Margaret & Stuart Feinstein
Renee Ferrara
Skip & Deb Galloway
John J. Gaffney
Trevor Garlock
Barbara A. Gault
Nate & Kay Holloway
James & Carole Jarosz
Sue Ann & Ralph G. Johnson
Greg & Karen Keegan
Gennaro Landisi

Harold & Sally L'Huillier
Danielle Lizewski
The Maley & Pixley Families
Gary & Sia McDermott
Kevin Miller
Bilkey L. Moore
David & Nancy Navarra
James & Patricia Newell
Terry M. Nichols
Bruce & Beth Nutting
Richard M. & Cindy L. Parker
Keith & Elizabeth Perry
Jane A. Plantz
Sharon Potter
Betsy Purdy
Carol & Joe Rich
Rande Richardson
Albert & Nancy Roberts

Maureen B. Rumble
The Rumbles from
Brantingham
The Sargent School
Community
William & Suzanne Scott
The Silverman Family
Clifton C. & Linda R. Snyder
Randi Stofa Speedling
Mark & Shanie Strife
Sonja & Leo Thompson
The Tucker Family
Carmela M. Walden-Lail
Mary & Larry Walldroff
Mary Rose & John Warneck
Gary & Kim West
Tom & Kathy Wetherell
William H. Wormuth

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**.



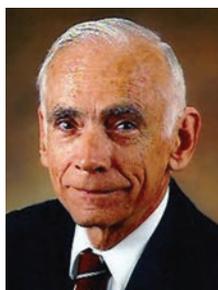
Samuel Chris Calender

A lifelong North Country resident, **Samuel C. "Chris" Calender** provided many with an opportunity to advance in life, convincing countless individuals of their own potential and the possibility of making their dreams come true. Chris graduated from Carthage High School and the Albany State School of Pharmacy. In partnership with his brother, **James S. Calender**, he established Watertown's Medical Center Pharmacy, which operated successfully for 53 years on Clinton Street. In 1989, Chris married **Kively Raptou** from Greece and the two enjoyed more than 30 years together. He was active in his community and supported many local charities throughout

his lifetime, including the Community Foundation. All those who knew Chris will remember him for his genuine interest in others, his desire to encourage those around him to reach their full potential, and for his unwavering generosity.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Samuel C. "Chris" Calender**

Jill H. Johnson
James & Kimberly Oliver
Rande Richardson
The Thomas Family



James M. Coughlin

James M. "Jim" Coughlin was a longtime North Country businessman and community servant who was deeply devoted to his family. A Watertown native, he graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1949 and maintained a strong passion and advocacy for education throughout his lifetime. After graduating from Clarkson University in 1953, he worked for New York Air Brake before moving to Malone, where he and his wife, **Elizabeth**, raised 11 sons and two daughters. Jim was active in a wide range of civic and community organizations and gave freely of his time, talent, and treasure in support of many local causes. We are honored to have stewarded a donor advised fund for Jim and Betty at the Community

Foundation for many years. We will miss Jim's commitment to improving life in the North Country. We join his family in expressing our sympathy as we celebrate his life and legacy.

Tribute gifts in memory of **James M. Coughlin**

William & Beth Maguire
T. Urling Walker



Edward N. Coombs

The North Country lost a devoted friend and colleague when **Edward N. Coombs** passed away last fall at the age of 56. Ed was a member of the Community Foundation family, working alongside the team as a finance consultant in support of countless donors to ensure thoughtful stewardship of their gifts. Ed was born in Oneida in 1964 and raised in Utica. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and Army Reserve, he earned an associate and bachelor's degree in accounting from SUNY Canton and SUNY Oswego. He was an active alumnus and volunteer for SUNY Canton and the Canton College Foundation Board of Directors. While serving as vice chair, Ed earned the Distinguished Alumni Award. Ed practiced accounting for 30 years and was a New York State Certified Public Accountant, serving as chief financial officer of various companies. At the time of his passing, he was managing director of his own practice, Edward N. Coombs LLC. Ed was an incredible role model to

many around him and consistent positive voice for others. He cherished his family and was a doting husband and father who shared many of his passions with his wife and two sons. We will greatly miss his energetic personality, sharp wit and humor, and unbridled passion for life. We join his wife, **Christine**, and his children and extended family in thanking those who celebrate his legacy of service with tributes in his name.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Edward N. "Ed" Coombs

Max & Sara DelSignore
Kenneth J. Eysaman III
Michele & Tim Jeican

Mary E. Loftus
William & Beth Maguire
Kelly & Brian Merchant
Jeff & Mary Perrine
Rande Richardson



Stella Ann (Hunkins) Garitz

A longtime North County resident, **Stella Ann (Hunkins) Garitz** had a lasting impact on countless children during her 36-year career as an elementary school librarian with the Watertown City School District. Stella was born in Gouverneur and graduated from Gouverneur High School as class president in 1951. She earned a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University and a master's from Syracuse University. After she retired in 1997, she led a very active life of service, deepening her support for education and many young students. Stella was influential in the creation of New Day Children's Center and served on its board for 30 years. She supported many local organizations, including the Community Foundation, giving generously of her time and talents and treasure. While her greatest passion was her lifelong love of reading, she

treasured her family and felt it was her greatest accomplishment. We are grateful to have had Stella in our lives and, together with her family, we celebrate her legacy of service and education and thank those who chose to honor her through meaningful tributes in her name.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Stella Ann (Hunkins) Garitz

Helen G. Chisholm
Mary G. & Carl G. Colton
Max & Sara DelSignore
Linda Holley
Rande Richardson
Ruth Seaman



Ken Knight

When **Ken Knight** passed away in June, a heart of gold stopped beating. A larger-than-life personality, Ken was a true gentle giant and devoted friend who dedicated his life to serving his country and community. With unflappable charm and a hint of southern accent, he easily connected with others in meaningful ways. He was born in Johnson City, Tenn., in 1949, a son to **Frank and Anna (Hilton) Knight**. Ken proudly served as a medic in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Thailand, where he was assigned to a U.N. mission administering vaccines and teaching villagers to play softball. He was a graduate of East Tennessee State University and spent his professional life working for the Veterans Administration and coached women's softball. In 1984, he married Ogdensburg native **Gail Vant Zelfde**. After 43 years together, they were inseparable. Ken was Gail's best friend, devoted companion, and beloved son-in-law to **Charlotte**. To thoughtfully perpetuate support of their

interests and passions, the **Gail and Charlotte Vant Zelfde and Ken Knight Fund** was established at the Community Foundation. This permanent fund is an enduring reflection of the values of its namesakes and will provide care and help to those who face health challenges, ensure the proper and humane care of animals, increase access to youth sports programs, and broadly support quality of life in St. Lawrence County. We are grateful to be entrusted with the care of Ken's legacy knowing that in this special way, he will forever change and impact the lives of others. We join Ken's wife, **Gail**, in our gratitude for those who chose to honor his life and legacy through meaningful expressions of affection.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Ken Knight

William & Kimberly Couch
William C. & Margaret C. Couch
Rande Richardson
Gail Vant Zelfde



Verena E. Young

Soon after **Verena E. "Rena" Young** and her husband, **John**, moved from their native Ontario, Canada, to Watertown, they fell in love with the natural beauty of Northern New York and the Adirondacks. Rena was a devoted mother to her only son, **Thomas**. She relished the splendor of the North Country, taking full advantage of the many opportunities for outdoor recreation. Rena was born in 1925 in Cochrane, Ontario, Canada, the only daughter in a family of seven. She graduated from Shaw Business School, and later attended the University of Toronto, working toward a CPA. Shortly after she wed in 1959, New York Air Brake recruited her husband to work in Watertown. She quickly became active in community service, supporting many local causes and charitable organizations, including the Community Foundation. We are grateful to have known her and will miss her gentle kindness. We join her family and

friends in mourning her loss as we celebrate a wonderful life that impacted so many in her community.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Verena E. (Rena) Young

Rande Richardson
T. Urling Walker



Elaine E. Gosier

Elaine E. Gosier was deeply devoted to her community and family and cherished the life she built in Northern New York. Born in Brownville in 1936, she graduated from Lyme Central School in 1954 and briefly worked as a model for Kodak in Rochester. In 1954, she married **Paul Gosier** in Chaumont. Elaine was employed at Bomax in Watertown, worked for many summers at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield as a guide, and retired from the kindergarten classroom at Lyme Central School in Chaumont. She was a dedicated community volunteer and was especially giving to organizations that supported local youth. Elaine also served her community as an elected official, completing terms on the Town of Lyme Board and the Lyme Central School Board, among others. We join her family in

expressing our deepest sympathy for her loss as we celebrate her life and legacy. Her family has decided the most fitting way to honor Elaine is through gifts to the **Lyme Central School Scholarship Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation**. We are honored to be a part of the special way her legacy of caring for children will forever endure.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Elaine E. Gosier '54

Karen Axenfeld
Terry '70 & Rebecca '70
Countryman
Dawn Mount Cuppernell '72
Leslie & Chris Davis
Virginia Edsall

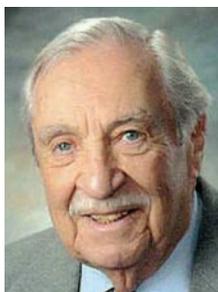
Edward Knapp
Bilkey L. Moore
Marilyn Howard Peters '62 &
David Peters '60
Phyllis Putnam
John Smelski
John & Abby Stone
Don & Diane Tedford



Donna Delight Hansen

After a three-year stint as choral and vocal music teacher, **Donna Delight Hansen** began a lifelong journey in the world of journalism. As a community newspaper writer, manager, and owner, Donna's endless curiosity and pursuit of knowledge took her from Wisconsin to Indiana, Nebraska, and Kansas before moving to Carthage with her family in 1984. With her husband, **Ramon**, she worked for the *Watertown Daily Times* and managed the *Carthage Republican Tribune* until her retirement in 2006. She was also a practicing pianist who combined her love of fine arts with her commitment to informing her community. She and her husband supported many local causes and organizations, including the **Community Foundation**. The North Country was fortunate to have Donna, and her care

for the area will be remembered as a life well lived devoted to strengthening her community.



Leonard Roy Marsh

Leonard Roy 'Len' Marsh was a kind and caring man who ardently believed in fairness, honesty, and respect in his personal and professional lives. A lifelong Watertown resident, Len graduated from Watertown High School in 1946 and served in the United States Air Force as a band member. After marrying his wife, **Elsa**, the couple moved to Buffalo where Len earned a bachelor's degree at the University at Buffalo. In 1956, he earned a law degree at Syracuse University. Len practiced family and criminal law in Jefferson County for 60 years. A strong proponent of education and civic involvement, he was a law lecturer for police agency

training schools and legal associations. Len was a dedicated community servant and was active with many local organizations, giving his time, talent, and treasure to causes he valued, including the Community Foundation. We join Len's family in expressing our condolences as we celebrate his legacy of kindness and service to others.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Leonard Roy "Len" Marsh

Robert Caswell
Cindy & Jim Intschert
Renee Lustick
Jeff, Claudia & Brie Marsh
James B. Oliver, DDS
Rande Richardson



Mary Gretchen Sullivan

Mary Gretchen Sullivan was a proud lifelong Watertown resident who cared deeply for her family and community and had a great fondness for Cape Vincent and the St. Lawrence River. She was born in Watertown in 1936, a daughter to **Sheridan E. and Alice (O'Neill) Sullivan**. She graduated from Cape Vincent Central School in 1954, attended Potsdam State Teachers College and graduated from Watertown School of Commerce. Gretchen was a 50-year employee of Samaritan Medical Center, retiring in 2005 as the Cancer Technician Registrar. She was the first recipient of the Jefferson County Girl Scout Life Saving Award. A longtime Community Foundation supporter, she was dedicated to many local organizations whose work helped improve the community.

We are honored to be the permanent home of the **Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan E. Sullivan Educational Scholarship**, which Gretchen established in 2016 to honor the lives and legacies of her parents while supporting nontraditional students pursuing studies in education. We join her family and friends in expressing our sincere condolences as we remember a legacy of compassion and caring.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Mary Gretchen Sullivan

Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson

Perpetuate a family legacy

WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU?

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Donor-Advised Funds

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE:

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.

IN MEMORY & APPRECIATION

Maxine M. Quigg & Terence M. O'Brien

The North Country lost two passionate and devoted community leaders when **Maxine M. Quigg** and her business partner, **Terence M. "Terry" O'Brien**, tragically and suddenly passed in April. We are deeply saddened by the loss of two bright professionals whose kindness and generosity shined in the relationships they nurtured with others through their work, civic and community engagement, and families. Maxine and Terry were committed to creating a better world around them and gave selflessly in support of a broad range of local endeavors and organizations. At the time of her passing, Maxine was serving on the Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Maxine was born in Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada, a daughter to **Fred and Mary Jane Engstrom**. She married **Joseph Quigg** in 1995. Together, they raised a son, **Connor**, and a daughter, **Kennedy**. The two moved to Watertown with their family in 2001 and Maxine quickly became involved in the community, volunteering in her children's school and for other local organizations. In 2016, Maxine and Terry O'Brien became co-owners of Bridgeview Real Estate Services. Their brokerage became a second family, and their kindness was matched by their work ethic. Terry was born in Providence, R.I., a son to **William and Katherine Lortie**



O'Brien. His family moved to Watertown where he graduated from Immaculate Heart Central School. He married **Paige E. Johnson** in 1995. Together, they raised a daughter, **Gabrielle**, and a son, **Lelan**. For 25 years, Terry worked as a New York State corrections officer. He was a longtime high school and college lacrosse coach. Terry was an exemplary leader and community servant who touched the lives of many athletes, colleagues, and community members. We join Terry's wife, Paige, children Gabrielle and Lelan, and Maxine's husband, Joe, children Connor and Kennedy, and their extended families in expressing our deep gratitude to those who chose to honor their

lives in such a meaningful and enduring way. We hope the impact they had on their community will forever endure. To help ensure they remain a force for good in the community and world, the **Maxine Quigg and Terry O'Brien Reach for the Stars Fund** was established at the Community Foundation to honor their lives and legacies with an initial gift of the Board of Directors. Through this permanent fund, grants will be made each year in perpetuity to support a broad range of endeavors and the Foundation will work with Maxine and Terry's families to steward its use. Additional opportunities to honor Maxine and Terry's lives and legacies were also established at the Community Foundation.

Perpetuating legacies of service

To join others in helping to honor Maxine M. Quigg & Terence (Terry) O'Brien, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. The following designated funds of the Community Foundation will forever perpetuate the legacies of Maxine and Terry:

- Maxine Quigg & Terry O'Brien Reach for the Stars Fund
- The Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund
- The Terry O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund
- The North Country Goes Green Irish Festival Terence M. O'Brien Academic Scholarship

The Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund

The Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund was established at the Community Foundation by **Kimberly Horrill**, Maxine's sister-in-law, to provide a strengthened path to increase local mentorships, volunteerism, civic and community engagement, and investment. Its mission is to perpetuate the life and legacy of Maxine Quigg by supporting and empowering women entrepreneurs in **Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Lewis counties** to succeed in their pursuits and realize their full potential. Through access to grants for education, training, and entrepreneurship, the fund will invest in the advancement, development and betterment of women who are beginning or growing a business in **Northern New York**. As Maxine embodied the synergy and correlation between a successful business and its contributions to the quality of life in a community, grants will be awarded to perpetuate her legacy of giving back to a community once a business is well established and thriving.

Award opportunities include, but are not limited to financial literacy, workforce development, entrepreneurship, leadership skills, and formal education and training. Awards must support the betterment of the applicant herself, not a specific business or interest. An advisory committee of the Community Foundation will select annual awardees. Contact the Community Foundation, 315-782-7110, to learn more.

Tribute gifts in memory of Maxine M. Quigg & Terence M. O'Brien

Michael & Margaret Alteri
Paula Amato
P.J. & Jen Banazek
Michael & Debra Battista
Board & Staff of Northern
New York Community Foundation
Liz Bonisteel
Bridgeview Real Estate
Bev & Bernie Brown
John & Vicki Bulger
Lee & Shirley Clary
Patti Constable
Kate Couch
Kim Couch
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Brian & Kate Fenlon
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Allison & Brett Gorham
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Sue Johnson
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Renzi Foodservice Charitable
Foundation
Rande Richardson
Jane Schmitt
Emily Sprague
Dacia Van Eenenaam
Renee Waterbury
Watertown Savings Bank
Carolyn Weldon
Denise Wetterhahn
Heather White
Karen Wise

Tribute gifts in memory of Maxine M. Quigg

Andy & Jennifer Ayotte
Jeff & Dori Barnard
Thomas H. Bradley 3rd
Tom & Irene Carman
Gregory & Katherine Couch
William & Kimberly Couch
William C. & Margaret C. Couch
Andrea & Eric DeLaGarza
Connie De May
Margo DeVries-Rizzo
Cinda & Paul Findlan

Gerry & Daniel N. Fish, MD
Kimberley & John W. Horrill
Michele & Tim Jeican
Kevin A. Kieff
Diane Kyle
Jon & Sandra Macy
William & Beth Maguire
Margot McGorman
Diana Mullen
North Country Emergency
Medical Consultants
Dr. Sarah Delaney Rowland
Dr. Maja Lundborg-Gray
Sherryl O'Connor
Jeff & Mary Perrine
Keith & Elizabeth Perry
Jackie & Greg Puchalski
Leslie W. Rowland
Patti Scordo
Pirkko Sheldrick
Patricia Kingsbury Simpson
Adrienne Taylor
Anne B. Taylor
Janet B. Taylor
Lisa Taylor
Steve Taylor
Jan K. Turcotte
Joe Wait
T. Urling Walker

Tribute gifts in memory of Terence M. O'Brien

Wendy Pound
John & Paula Sullivan

Dr. David M. & Patricia Stabins



We are deeply saddened by the passing earlier this year of **Dr. David M. “Doc” Stabins** and his wife, **Patricia**, who were devoted to their community and making it a better place for others. David was born in Watertown in 1927 and graduated from Watertown High School in 1945, enlisting in the U.S. Army. Following service as an Army medic, he attended St. Lawrence University and continued his education at the University of Pennsylvania where he earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1953. He returned to Watertown to practice dentistry with his father, the late **Dr. Louis Stabins**, and operated a successful practice more than 40 years. In 1959, David married **Patricia Spicer**. Together, they raised a son and three daughters. Their son, **Louis Jeffrey Stabins**, passed away in 2020. After David retired from dentistry, he remained active in his community, supporting many meaningful causes and organizations, including the Community Foundation. **Patti** was born in Watertown in 1934, a daughter to **Robert E. and Helen Irene Spicer**. She graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1952. For years, Patti owned and operated LaPattique gift shop in the Globe Mini Mall. She was a very dedicated community servant and shared her time and talents as a volunteer and board member for several local nonprofit organizations. She was especially proud of her service to St. Patrick’s Church. In 2013, Patti received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross for her faithful service to the Diocese of Ogdensburg. David and Patti cherished their family and especially enjoyed traveling together to visit their five grandchildren. David and Patti’s family have decided that the most fitting way to honor their lives and legacies is through gifts to the **Stabins Family Memorial Scholarship of the Community Foundation**. We are honored to be a part of the enduring way David and Patti will be remembered with their son, Jeffrey. With their family, we express our gratitude for those who made memorial tributes in their names. We are grateful to be entrusted to help perpetuate their legacies

through a scholarship that will forever make a meaningful impact on future generations of North Country students.

Tribute gifts in memory of Dr. David M., Patricia, & Louis Jeffrey Stabins

- Cynthia R. Ahlheim
- Michele Baber
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- Sherry M. Wilson
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- William & Susan Zimmerman

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Rita Goldberg

Rita Goldberg was a passionate professor who believed in the importance of opening the minds of students to other cultures. For nearly 45 years, she was an academic trailblazer at St. Lawrence University, working tirelessly to advance the study of the Spanish language, creating opportunities for students to experience culture abroad. Rita founded and directed the university’s study abroad program in Madrid, Spain. She held the Charles A. Dana Professorship of Modern Languages and Literatures in recognition of her exemplary scholarship. Upon retirement in 2001, she was the longest-serving St. Lawrence faculty member, having begun her teaching career in 1957. Rita remained one of the most active members of university community, establishing the St. Lawrence University Spanish Teacher Fellowship. She was

equally passionate about helping to improve her community and volunteered for many local organizations, sharing much of her time and talents with the St. Lawrence County Historical Association where she was instrumental in strengthening its ties with the Community Foundation. She was a dedicated supporter of the Foundation and its work. We join her friends and colleagues who will greatly miss her energetic personality and passion for helping younger generations discover more of the world around them.

Tribute gifts in memory of Rita Goldberg

- Max & Sara DelSignore
- Rande Richardson

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**.



Joshua P. Sullivan

Throughout his 23 years of life, **Joshua Patrick Sullivan** was a gifted student who embraced a calling to care for others. At the time of his passing in May, Josh was in his final year of pharmacy school at St. John Fisher College where he was studying to become a clinical pharmacist. Dozens of North Country families and friends responded to honor his life after his sudden passing. A son to **John and Paula Sullivan** and brother to **Matthew**, Josh graduated from South Jefferson High School in 2016 where he was an honor student and talented athlete who competed on the swim, soccer, and golf teams. Josh had a natural tendency to encourage and lead others and was the recipient of the Michael J. Laisdell Scholarship. In college, he blossomed as a leader. As an inpatient pharmacy intern at Strong Memorial Hospital, he was devoted to patient care and his empathy was a gift that connected with patients and earned him the respect and confidence of colleagues and other clinicians. Josh was also dedicated to his profession and served in a leadership role in

the Professional Pharmacy Fraternity Phi Delta Chi. He was most proud of his medical mission trip to South Dakota. To honor his life and memory, family and friends have established the **Joshua P. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship** at the Community Foundation. We are humbled by the trust that his parents, **John and Paula**, have placed with the Foundation to ensure Josh's legacy will continue in perpetuity. There is no greater honor than to be the steward of such a precious gift. We join his family in thanking those who chose to honor him through meaningful tributes in his name.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Joshua P. Sullivan**

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Beth & Todd Vincent
Rosemary Wilder
The Williams Family
Judson & Connie Wood
David & Barbara Zembiec
Jane Zimmerman



Richard G. Boyd (WHS Class of '56)

Richard G. "Dick" Boyd was a proud Watertown native and a beloved member of the **Watertown High School Class of 1956** who was deeply devoted to his faith and service. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Clark University in 1960 and began a career with General Motors, later working for Xerox for 29 years, retiring as a corporate executive. Dick was a big-hearted man who left a lasting impression on those around him. His strong Catholic faith was important to him, and he strived to always serve others in his community, generously helping many charitable causes and organizations. He was especially proud of his family and cherished his time spent with each of his 10 grandchildren. In 2009, Dick and his WHS classmates established a permanent scholarship at the Community Foundation. When he passed away in July, his family decided the most fitting way to honor him was through gifts to help perpetuate the scholarship. We are grateful to his wife, **Donna**, and his entire family for choosing

the Community Foundation to honor his life and legacy. We thank those who responded with tributes as an expression of affection and are honored to be part of the special way the WHS Class of '56 continues to impact future generations of students.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Richard G. Boyd**

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In our next issue ...

■ Our spring 2022 issue of *Thoughtful Giving* will feature stories and memorial tributes about the lives and legacies of several Community Foundation supporters who recently passed including:

Harry E. Bracken
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Scholarship helps students pursue medical careers Legacy of service, advancement of medical studies will forever continue

Dr. John P. McCreary was a dedicated physician equally devoted to patient care and making a thoughtful difference in his community through his contributions to local organizations and causes. **The McCreary Family Scholarship** was established at the Community Foundation after his passing in 2015 to honor and perpetuate his legacy. The scholarship, which made its first award to **Immaculate Heart Central** graduate **Allison Kelly** in 2020, supports high school graduates who are pursuing health-related careers. **Watertown High School** graduate **Alaynah Bowman** is the 2021 McCreary Family Scholar. Dr. McCreary was a longtime Watertown physician who practiced radiology and provided care to patients at hospitals across Jefferson and



Dr. John McCreary

Lewis counties. In 1957, he joined two other Watertown doctors in a radiology practice that eventually grew to become Northern Radiology, where he continued for nearly 30 years and served as its president until his retirement in 1986. Before he began his medical education, he served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II. While attending Cornell University Medical College in New York City he met and married **Virginia "Gini" Dalby Stover**, who was a Cornell Nursing School graduate. Together, they raised three sons and a daughter. Dr. McCreary was devoted to his faith and community and proudly supported meaningful efforts to improve the quality of life all who cherished the North Country. The Community Foundation is honored to steward this meaningful legacy that will perpetuate Dr. McCreary's life in such a special way while helping students on their paths to careers in medicine.

Wounded Warrior Fund supports 10th Mountain soldiers

The **Community Foundation** is honored to steward a fund on behalf of the national **10th Mountain Division (Light) Association's Fort Drum Chapter** that helps support wounded veterans and soldiers who served or are serving in the storied light infantry division.

The **10th Mountain Division (Light) Wounded Warrior Fund**, a Community Foundation component fund, enables a wide range of support to help soldiers who were wounded in service. More than 300 soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division (Light) have been killed in action and more than 2,400 severely wounded since Sept. 11, 2011, and the division has endured more than 40 separate deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The families of soldiers wounded in action face severe hardship as they struggle to rebuild their lives with many facing a new career outside of military service because of their wounds," said



Gilbert Pearsall, an association member and retired lieutenant colonel who served with the 10th Mountain Division (Light). "The Wounded Warrior Fund was established in the early 2000s to help provide for these wounded soldiers."

The fund at the Community Foundation was created in 2017 as a local initiative and partnership with the Association's Fort Drum Chapter.

One of the most important programs the association's wounded warrior fund supports, Mr. Pearsall said, has been "Wounded Warrior Support Pacs" for soldiers at Defense Department and VA hospitals. Additionally, the 10th Mountain Division Association has funded wounded warriors attending ski clinics in Vermont, construction of ramps and other quality of life/mobility improvements in wounded warrior homes and equipment and recreational activities for wounded warriors who live in the Fort Drum Wounded Warrior Transition Unit.

Northern New York Community Podcast to premiere fourth season

Since it launched in 2016, more than 40 conversations have been captured as part of our **Northern New York Community Podcast — Stories From the Heart of Our Community** series.

The reflections on the value of giving back continue to generate meaningful discussion about the future of philanthropy in our region and inspire others to act. As we continue to provide these stories in collaboration with **WPBS**, we hope listeners of all ages respond and demonstrate generosity that makes the North Country better, forever.

Our fourth season will premiere in early 2022 and features conversations with more than a half-dozen community philanthropists, including **Chuck and Linda Goolden**, below, who grew up in Madrid and graduated from Madrid-Waddington High School. After they were married in 1964, they owned and operated the **Fay G. Mann Funeral Home** in Madrid as the third generation of Chuck's family to do so, until its sale in 1986. They now spend winters in Boise, Idaho, but remain active with the **St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum**, which is located in Madrid at the Mann/Goolden Farmstead.



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How did you learn about the Community Foundation and get involved in service?

We made a connection with the Community Foundation through the Canton Community Fund and our friend and mentor, **Peter Van De Water**, and his wife, **Becky**.

What are your areas of interest philanthropically on a local, and broad scale? We have a broad range of interests including education, the arts, health care, environmental organizations, local food pantries, and other helping agencies. We try to be aware of the ongoing needs of our area like food insecurity and health care. We also recognize that quality of life is important in addition to basic human needs. We support local efforts to provide exposure to the arts and give to organiza-

"A person's legacy will be evidenced in the support given to organizations and projects that will, hopefully, have a lasting effect in the community."

— Kathy and Peter Wyckoff, Canton

tions that increase opportunities to enjoy and appreciate our natural environment.

How does giving make a meaningful impact in your community? Donations of time, ideas, and money all impact the well-being of our area. Many of the opportunities that

we take for granted would not be available, without local support. Volunteer contributions are essential for grassroots nonprofits that strengthen our communities.

Are there any barriers that may keep people from being involved philanthropically? I think people sometimes feel that a small contribution will not make a meaningful difference, but all volunteer efforts and contributions add to the cause and are meaningful for the individual donor as well as for the effort being supported.

How do you want to be remembered and why should people think about their legacy? A person's legacy will be evidenced in the support given to organizations and projects that will, hopefully, have a lasting effect in the community.

YOUR GIFTS PREPARE FUTURE GENERATIONS

A shared responsibility to instill community values

“The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Gandhi

Increasingly, it has been shown that there are significant advantages to instilling charitable instinct and awareness of needs at a young age. From making donations to volunteering time, the **Community Foundation** has made it a core value of its work and mission to take a multi-generational approach to civic service and engagement. Inspiring pathways to exploring charitable interests and passions has far-reaching and enduring benefits for the individual, the family, the community, and our world. In addition to being a powerful way to share beliefs, this can provide a pathway to conversations about social issues and our collective role in addressing them. It can also help teach financial values regarding how we earn, spend, save, and give.

We are continually grateful for our **annual donors** and **business partners** who will make possible for the fifth year, the **Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge**. The initiative strives to help participants explore their concept of community and provide funding to charitable organizations that embody and support what middle school students feel makes their community a great place to live. Through a written essay contest, they are asked to explain what community means to them and to choose a nonprofit organization that best embodies their sense of community. Twenty students are selected, and each presents their grant while learning more about the organization’s mission. Since 2017, nearly 400 students representing 21 school districts have participated in the program. (See page 8 to see the impact that several 2020-21 Youth Giving Challenge winners made.)

Another endeavor, now entering its eleventh year, the Community Foundation’s **Youth Philanthropy Council** has begun its work again, engaging high school students in the process of grantmaking, service, stewardship, and charitable investing. The program teaches valuable lessons about leadership, responsibility and teamwork while building networks and an awareness of the issues facing our region. (See pages 4 through 7 to learn more about the Youth Philanthropy Council and its impact.)

As part of the continuum, the Foundation’s **LEAD Council** (Leadership, Engagement, Access, and Direction) was formed in 2014 as an advisory committee of local young professionals. Empowered to make strategic investments through the **LEAD Impact Grant Program**, their work enables a timely response to emerging and critical needs. Requests that demonstrate innovative



DELIVERING ESSENTIAL NEEDS WITH CARE: From left: 2021 Watertown High School graduates **Vincent Lavarney** and **Evan Richardson** accompany **Joanne Lavarney** while making a Meals on Wheels delivery to **Niles Kitto** at his home in Dexter. The experience allowed Vincent and Evan to personally experience the rewards of volunteering in their community.

In giving of time, talent, and treasure, you also discover new ways to work together to share the joy of helping others. More importantly, you gain a greater awareness of the world around you, and often discover a deeper sense of yourself.

approaches to service and strengthening missions and community are a priority.

These three programs embrace a hands-on approach, something that is consistent with a clearly rising trend. Through the last decade, there is a great desire among the next generation to be more deeply involved in the things they choose to support. They want to roll up their sleeves and see the impact they are having with their own eyes. They are less inclined to give to organizations with the thought that “they know better than me” how to deploy it. The Community Foundation has been increasingly and uniquely positioned to provide greater donor choice and with direction and specificity to align best with individual charitable interests and passions.

In the spirit of the programs mentioned, **family philanthropy** can also be a powerful way to share values and connect with your loved ones. As the holiday season approaches, consider incorporating family discussions at home regarding the importance and power

of giving and impact investing. Some of our donors have created donor-advised funds within the Community Foundation as a gift to their children and grandchildren. By doing so, they provide a framework for family giving, empowering members to increase their own sense of ownership in making a difference for the things they care about most.

Each of these keep our own problems in perspective, share experiences, establish valuable traditions, and help our community. Passing on deeply held personal beliefs and teaching lessons about financial management and responsibility are valuable gifts. In giving of time, talent, and treasure, you also discover new ways to work together to share the joy of helping others. More importantly, you gain a greater awareness of the world around you, and often discover a deeper sense of yourself.

Note: This column, by Community Foundation Executive Director Rande Richardson, originally appeared in NNY Business magazine. It is reprinted here with permission.

Foundation donors partner to award 456 scholarships

In partnership with donors, 32 public school districts and one private school, the Community Foundation this year awarded scholarships to nearly 500 Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence county students to help them pursue post-secondary educational goals.

Thanks to the generosity of donors who have made gifts that support Foundation scholarships, opportunities for students this year have grown through the establishment of new awards and partnerships. Awards totaling \$1.2 million were made to 456 students in the three counties. In the past year, donors created 18 new scholarships at the Community Foundation. Another 13 scholarships were transferred to the Foundation from donors and

EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: 456

PARTNER SCHOOL DISTRICTS: 32 public, 3 private

NEW AWARDS: 18 created in past year

NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT AWARDS: 12

SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS: 13

partnering school districts to administer on their behalf.

Support of educational opportunities continues to be a long-standing part of the Community Foundation's 92-year history and heritage. Annual gifts to the Foundation help build many scholarship funds and extend support to students. Many

awards also honor the legacies of caring individuals who believed in the value of making education more accessible.

In Jefferson County, 264 students from one private and 11 public schools received Community Foundation awards. In Lewis County, 123 students from five public schools were awarded scholarships, and in St. Lawrence County, 69 students from 14 public schools earned awards.

Twelve scholarships were also awarded to nontraditional students who may be returning to post-secondary studies after a break from school or who are older adults, pursuing college, vocational, or technical education for the first time. Through partnerships with the 10th Mountain Division Association and the Watertown Rotary Club's Purple Heart Scholarship program, 27 scholarships to students with ties to soldiers and their families were facilitated.

The Foundation also partners with the Herring College Memorial Educational Trust, which provides freshman scholarships for students pursuing studies in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and related fields. In 2014, the Thousand Islands Foundation became an affiliate of the Community Foundation, which helps to administer awards to Thousand Islands, Alexandria, LaFargeville, and Lyme high school graduates on its behalf.

DR. DOUGLAS M. SANFORD MEDICAL SCHOLARS



Katelyn E. Decker and Mark A. Fairchild are the 2021 recipients of the Northern New York Community Foundation Dr. Douglas M. Sanford Medical Scholarship. Katelyn graduated in June from Watertown High School and attends Binghamton University where she studies pre-med. She plans to continue her education in medical school to become a doctor. Katelyn aspires to practice emergency medicine in a hospital setting. She is the daughter of Kristyn and Troy Decker, Watertown. Mark graduated in June from South Jefferson High School, Adams, and attends Clarkson University, Potsdam, where he is enrolled in the physician assistant studies program. He aspires to become a physician assistant. He is the son of Susana and Chad Fairchild, Adams. Katelyn and Mark are the third and fourth students to earn the Dr. Douglas M. Sanford Medical Scholarship, which awards \$500 to support students who plan to pursue medical careers. Pictured from left: scholarship recipients Mark A. Fairchild and Katelyn E. Decker and Mary Sanford, wife of the late Dr. Douglas M. Sanford. We are grateful to the Sanford family and all who have supported this special way Dr. Sanford will be remembered in our region through this permanent legacy scholarship.

RETIRED EDUCATORS OF NEW YORK SCHOLARS



Madelyn A. Countryman and Delanie M.R. Miller are the Class of 2021 recipients of the North Central Zone of the Retired Educators of New York Scholarship for future educators. Madelyn graduated from Indian River High School, and Delanie is a Watertown High School graduate. Each received a \$1,000 award to help them on their paths to become teachers. The scholarship is awarded annually in partnership with the Community Foundation to high school seniors pursuing teaching careers. The North Central Zone represents Jefferson and Lewis county retired educators. Madelyn attends Jefferson Community College, and studies elementary education. She is the daughter of Al and Kelly Countryman, Theresa. Delanie attends St. Lawrence University, Canton, where she studies elementary education. She is the daughter of Tammie Miller, Calcium, and Michael Miller, Pillar Point. Pictured, from left: Woody Lyndaker, North Central Zone Retired Educators of New York president; scholarship recipients Madelyn Countryman and Delanie Miller; and Mary Perrine, Community Foundation coordinator of partnerships. We are honored to partner with the Retired Educators of New York North Central Zone to steward its scholarship fund and help its member teachers continue their support for future educators of our region.

Through your **Community Foundation ...**

- Can I create a fund that will **continue my annual giving after my lifetime** to my favorite charities or church, knowing that if an organization ceases to exist, the fund is protected and can be re-purposed?
- Can I establish a named fund that will **allow my children and grandchildren** to make community grants in perpetuity?
- Can my charitable legacy be directed to **support a specific city, village, town or county**? Can I further designate the type of things that will be supported within that geographic area, and name the fund?
- Can I establish a **charitable gift annuity** with tax-deductible benefits that will provide me with guaranteed income during my lifetime, and then the remainder can support my charitable interests or a specific Foundation fund after my death?
- Can I name the Community Foundation as a **beneficiary of an IRA or life insurance policy** either to support the Community Foundation or a specific fund within the Foundation?
- Am I able to start a fund at the Community Foundation to support my interests now and then endow it later as part of my estate planning?
- Can I start a fund to **support my church**, providing stipulations on how it is to be directed (i.e., music ministry, buildings & grounds, education) and also have assurance that if the church should ever cease to exist, my charitable provisions can be re-purposed for another designated interest or charitable cause?
- Can I create a **scholarship fund for a specific school district or college**, with certain criteria, or support some other aspect of my school or college (music, arts, athletics, library, reading, professional development)?
- If I own a business can I give more effectively, efficiently and in a more formal and structured way, with enhanced visibility, coordination, branding and impact?
- Can I make a gift of appreciated stock to start a donor-advised fund, avoid capital gains, receive a tax deduction and then make grants to charitable causes I recommend over time?

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YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT EDUCATION

North Side Legacy Fund supports four students

\$10,000 matching grant will help perpetuate work, history of former civic league

A LEGACY FOR THE NORTH SIDE: From left: 2021 **North Side Legacy Scholarship** recipient **Tadd Ledoux**, Immaculate Heart Central graduate; **William Parody**, North Side Legacy Fund Advisory Committee member and past North Side Improvement League president; scholarship recipient **Maria Netto**, Watertown High graduate; **Laurie Koelmel**, Advisory Committee member; scholarship recipient **Madison White**, Watertown High graduate; **Terri Mallette**, Advisory Committee member; scholarship recipient **Dawson DeLine**, Watertown High graduate; and **Jacob Johnson**, Advisory Committee member.

The North Side Legacy Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation recently presented four members of the Class of 2021 with scholarships totaling \$2,000 to support their post-secondary educational goals.

The North Side Legacy Fund was established in 2019 as a permanent fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation to forever honor and perpetuate the history and heritage of the North Side Improvement League.

Graduating high school seniors who live in the City of Watertown as well as students from other areas who have family ties to the League were encouraged to apply.

Those for whom the north side has special meaning have joined to help grow the permanent fund and meaningfully perpetuate the League's work.

"Thanks to their support, the North Side Legacy Fund is doing exactly what was envisioned while preserving the heritage, history, and service of the North Side Improvement League," said **William Parody**, Legacy Fund Advisory Committee member and past North Side Improvement League president.

Class of 2021 North Side Legacy Scholarship recipients are:

- **Dawson DeLine**, Watertown High, Jefferson Community College, engineering and mathematics; son of **Toni** and **Tim DeLine**.



- **Tadd Ledoux**, Immaculate Heart Central, St. Lawrence University, Canton, English and creative writing; son of **Tricia** and **Michael Ledoux**.

- **Maria Netto**, Watertown High, SUNY Geneseo, economics; daughter of **Jacqueline** and **Richard Netto**.

- **Madison White**, Watertown High School, SUNY Geneseo, elementary education; daughter of **Michele** and **Jason White**.

The North Side Legacy Fund also supports nonprofit organizations that serve Watertown residents. In 2020, the fund awarded grant support to four organizations totaling \$2,000, including: **Community Action Planning Council**, **Disabled Persons Action**

Organization, **North Watertown Cemetery Association**, and **Watertown Urban Mission**.

The North Side Improvement League's rich history and legacy of civic involvement and community betterment that spanned more than a century continues through the North Side Legacy Fund. The Community Foundation is pleased to offer a \$10,000 matching grant that will double all gifts made to the fund.

Members of the **North Side Legacy Fund Advisory Committee** include **Sylvia Buduson**, **Allison Crossman**, **Michael Dupee**, **Jacob Johnson**, **Laurie Koelmel**, **Terri Mallette**, **Bill** and **Pat Parody**, and **Terry Williams**.

Is the North Side part of your story?

DOUBLE YOUR GIFT:

To help build the **North Side Legacy Fund** and double your gift, send donations to the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, ATTN: **North Side Legacy Fund**, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or through secure online giving at nnycf.org.

FIRST ELIZABETH A. WALKER PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLAR



Meghan Hance, left, is the inaugural recipient of the **Northern New York Community Foundation Elizabeth A. Walker Professional Education Scholarship**. Meghan is a Registered Nurse at **Community Health Center of the North Country** in Gouverneur who is studying to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at **SUNY Canton**. Meghan plans to continue her education to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. A 2010 **Hermon-DeKalb High School** graduate, she earned an Associate of Science in Nursing in 2015 from **SUNY Canton** and returned to her alma mater part-time in 2017. The scholarship was established at the Community Foundation to honor Liz Walker's legacy of service in health care. Liz, right, is a founding member of the **North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council** and a longtime nurse who devoted her professional career to serving others in her community. We are honored to help steward the legacy of Liz Walker as the permanent home of the Elizabeth A. Walker Professional Education Scholarship.

FORMER WATERTOWN SAVINGS BANK PRESIDENT'S LEGACY ENDURES



Jada I. Montante, right is the 2021 recipient of the **Watertown Savings Bank Ralph F. Brouty Scholarship**. Jada graduated from **LaFargeville Central School** in June and attends **Jefferson Community College**, where she studies business administration. Jada hopes to continue her business studies at **SUNY Potsdam** and aspires to work as a business operations manager. Jada was presented with a \$2,500 scholarship. Scholarship namesake **Ralph F. Brouty** served as **Watertown Savings Bank** president from 1976 to 1998. The Community Foundation is honored to partner with Watertown Savings Bank to steward the Ralph F. Brouty Scholarship for students attending Jefferson Community College. Jada is the daughter of **Donna Gooding** and **Peter Montante**, Clayton. Watertown Savings Bank marketing director **John Morgia** is pictured with Jada.

WATERTOWN SAVINGS BANK CUP SCHOLARS



Watertown High School graduates **Analee Lanphear** and **Philip Marra III** are the 2021 recipients of the **Northern New York Community Foundation Watertown Savings Bank Cup Scholarship**. Analee attends the **University of Rochester** where she studies biology. Philip attends **SUNY Fredonia** where he studies music composition. Analee is the daughter of **Jill** and **Ryan Lanphear**, Watertown, and Philip is the son of **Ticia** and **Kyle Aumell**, Watertown. Awarded annually to two graduating seniors, the Watertown Savings Bank Cup Scholarship is a \$1,000 award to help students pursue their post-secondary educational goals. Watertown Savings Bank's **Rebecca Barney**, center, is pictured with Analee, left, and Philip, right. We are honored to partner with the bank to help support its generous investments in education and local students.

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Especially during this time of year, we have a heightened sense of awareness and appreciation that our work would not be possible without the generous leadership, vision and friendship of donors like YOU! Because of your thoughtfulness, over the past several years the Community Foundation has been able to expand its reach and move from being a transactional grantmaker to a greater force that inspires people of all ages to consider including philanthropy as a fulfilling part of their lives. This, in turn, helps the region rally to increase capacity for all its nonprofit organizations, increasing the value of ALL of your charitable contributions in the area.

Thanks to you, we now have programs that help to instill values of civic engagement, responsibility and leadership with students and youth. Together, we engage young professionals in ways that perpetuate the type of commitment that the last 92 years of Community Foundation donors like you have demonstrated. Our home at the Philanthropy Center is a place where nonprofits collaboratively work to ensure greater sustainability for our region.

Your decision to support the Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund is one of the most meaningful ways that you can help nurture our collective work each year. Your gift touches your community in ways both broad and deep, and enhances essential community services and quality of life. We want you to know that your conscious choice to change and shape lives, in partnership with us, is something we appreciate, value, and never take for granted.

Always know how much it means for us to have you as a vital part of our family as we strive to make the wonderful North Country the best place it can be to spend our lives together. October marked the beginning of our 92nd year of working with donors like YOU to build a better community for all. We look forward to finding ways to celebrate this important milestone and recognize the vital role you play in that noble cause throughout Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

With gratitude always,

*The Board, Committees and Staff of the
Northern New York Community Foundation*



A MEANINGFUL IMPACT: YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT ESSENTIAL NEEDS



MEETING THE CHALLENGE: From left: **New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach**, Madrid, Board Members **Barbara Fisher, Linda Newtown, Sandi Shoen**, and Community Foundation assistant director **Max DelSignore**, back.

New Beginnings meets \$10,000 challenge Donors help build permanent Community Foundation endowment

New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach in Madrid recently fulfilled a \$10,000 matching challenge to build its permanent endowment at the Northern New York Community Foundation.

The effort builds upon a nonprofit partnership established between the two organizations in 2017. The New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation is designed to support the organization's mission to serve the community in perpetuity. Gifts may be made to the endowment at any time or included as a charitable giving option in estate planning.

The Community Foundation's commitment to New Beginnings started in 2013 with a \$10,000 grant to help the organization complete its building project. "New Beginnings is grateful for the generosity and support of **Charles and Linda Goolden** to start its relationship with the Community Foundation and create a collaborative endeavor to help serve those in need across St. Lawrence County," New Beginnings board member **Sandi Shoen** said.

Contact **Max DelSignore**, Community Foundation assistant director, 315-782-7110, or max@nnycf.org, to learn more about the New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach Endowment Fund.

Donor partnership will continue to warm Lewis County children

A Community Foundation partnership that helps provide winter clothing to children at two **Lewis County** schools will continue to make a big difference for another three years.

The collaboration with the **Dyson Foundation** called "**Operation Snowstorm**" supplies students at **Lowville Academy** and **Beaver River** schools with coats, hats, scarves, mittens, boots, and other necessary winter garments. This fall, and in 2022 and 2023, the two schools will evenly share an annual grant of \$11,500 to support Lewis County youth and families.

Thanks to a long-standing relationship with the Dyson Foundation, the Community Foundation will help shepherd a meaningful holiday initiative to benefit students in the two school districts.

Operation Snowstorm is now in its 15th year at Lowville Academy and its 10th year at Beaver River. The program helps nearly 200 Lewis County students each year. Since the partnership began in 2007, more than \$130,000 has been provided to support the effort to provide winter attire to those who need it most.

"We are privileged to partner with the Community Foundation to provide warm winter clothing for many of the most vulnerable members of our school community," Lowville Academy Superintendent **Rebecca Duncel-King** said. "We are truly grateful to be part of a project that has such a positive and immediate impact on those involved."

