

Grant has Herkimer BOCES Shooting for the Stars!

When it was built in 1974, the planetarium at Herkimer County BOCES made the night skies come alive. With the passage of time, however, portions of the facility fell into disrepair and the skies virtually went dark. That has changed quickly, thanks in part to a \$4,965 Community Foundation grant that has helped inject new life into this little-known area asset.

The funding supported the purchase of new equipment, visuals, hands-on materials such as compasses and sky maps, and the development of new programs for sharing the mysteries of the universe with local audiences.



In the works at press time were a presentation on Pluto, whose status as a planet has been in the news, and a Christmas star show for the holiday season.

With seating for about 60, the domed planetarium is located in the Herkimer BOCES complex on Gros Boulevard in East Herkimer. Not only is it the only one of its type between Schenectady and Syracuse, its mechanical operation projects a more brilliant and more realistic sky than digital planetariums that have been built elsewhere. In the photo, Erin Korce, Andrea Vedder and Rachel McMahon are examining the planetarium's star projector.

Foundation Grant Helps Bring Summer Jazz Camp to Rome

Young Musicians Get a Taste of New Orleans Jazz

"My whole life, my whole soul, my whole spirit is to blow that horn."

That's how jazz icon Louis Armstrong described his dedication to his craft. Since 1995, youngsters from across the United States have had the opportunity to experience the musical legacy fueled by Armstrong through the efforts of the New Orleans-based Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp.

This past summer, with the help of a \$15,000 Community Foundation grant, the jazz education program was brought to the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley in Rome, where nearly 70 young musicians in grades seven through 12 spent a

week studying with the camp's distinguished instructors.

Under the leadership of program director and saxophonist Edward "Kidd" Jordan, the students trained with musicians who specialize in particular areas — vocals, horns, guitar, drums and piano — covering structured and improvisational techniques as well as the music, culture and history of the New Orleans jazz movement.

Lifetime Impact

Based on the enthusiastic response of the youngsters, their parents and the musicians, the camp, which culmi-

Edward "Kidd" Jordan works with fellow saxophonists.



nated with an ensemble performance at Clinton's Cannonball Theater, was a rousing success. Satchmo would have called it "solid!"

"Something magical happened between the students and the musicians," noted YMCA Executive Director Hank "Young Musicians" (Continued on page 10)

Foundation Works to Research, Recover 55 Years of Philanthropic Partnership

The Community Foundation was fortunate this year to have a Summer Research Fellow who worked diligently to unearth highlights for The Foundation's celebration in 2007 of its 55-year history. We were impressed with Zack Lazovik's enthusiasm for the project and asked him to tell his story in the following guest column. It also previews some of the material about which you will hear more next year.

We are grateful to the Utica National Group and Partners Trust foundations, whose generous support have helped make Zack's work and our history project possible.
—Peggy O'Shea, President & CEO

We are taught as children that without a known history, there can be no valid future. In December 2007 The Community Foundation will celebrate its 55th anniversary in philanthropic partnership with Herkimer and Oneida counties. In honor of the occasion, we have been asking questions such as: "What has The Foundation done over the years to serve this community? Where has it made a significant impact?"

In preparation, The Foundation has been engaged in a project to uncover decades of formally undocumented history. The task had us searching through archives, meeting with historical scholars and professors, and conducting 26 interviews with some of The Foundation's and community's most respected leaders. As expected, we discovered a history rich in leadership and notable milestones.

Highlights include:

- The Community Foundation's inception from the work of a two-year volunteer citizens' committee that originated

through the Community Chest and Planning Council (precursor to the United Way of Greater Utica) in 1950.

- The foresightedness of the Foundation's talented, civic-minded incorporators:
 - John L. Train 1952-1958
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• The 1987 gift of dedicated philanthropist and former board member Rosamond G. Childs, who passed away at the age of 100, leaving 82,000 stock shares and assets to The Foundation. The fund remains The Foundation's largest.

- The \$1 million *Care for Our Kids* initiative, from 1991-1996, which was one of the most significant early examples



Zack A. Lazovik
2006 Community
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of The Foundation's ability to address a community need proactively. The program helped increase the availability and quality of child care in Herkimer and Oneida counties. It had a two-fold benefit in that the effort also helped The Foundation grow by becoming the focal point for meeting an important challenge grant from the Ford and John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur

foundations.

There will be much more to share when The Community Foundation publishes the story of its 55-year commitment to Herkimer and Oneida counties next year. There is much uncelebrated growth to commemorate. Along the way, there will be many untold stories to tell and unsung heroes to acknowledge.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all who have assisted with this project thus far and look forward to its full fruition in 2007.

Legacy Society Grows

The Community Foundation's Legacy Society honors those who have chosen to shape their legacies through planned gifts from their estate to The Foundation.

Giving through one's estate adds a gratifying dimension of permanence and affirmation that the donor is helping to ensure the future of our community and will indeed make a difference forever.

For more information about joining the Legacy Society, please contact Peggy O'Shea at 315-735-8212 or moshea@foundationhoc.org.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Legacy Society in 2006:

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| Beatrice Begent | Elizabeth Howell |
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| Scott Ferguson* | Charles Pannaci |
| Dona Ferguson* | Marsha Wineburgh |
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*For the United Way endowment

Double Your Money! Gifts Matched by Employers Have Even Greater Impact

Many employers have a policy of matching gifts their employees make to charitable organizations, thereby doubling the good work these gifts make possible. Some companies, like General Electric, even match gifts from their retirees.

We encourage donors to The Community Foundation to ask their employer if they have a matching gift program and how it works. Often the company will provide a form to send in with the donation or, more recently, they will provide a Web site and the match request can be made online. Either way, The Foundation must confirm in writing that the gift was made and that it was charitable, before any company will consider a match.

The process is simple, but you must ask for the match first. We'll be happy to assist you once you "get the ball rolling." If you have any questions, please contact Elayne Johnson, the Foundation's director of donor services, at 315-735-8212.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your employer in making this a better community!

First Grant from Accent On Excellence Fund Helps Nonprofits Reach for Their Vision

The Community Foundation and Accent On Excellence program share the goal of promoting the positive development of our region. It was only fitting, therefore, that the first grant from the Accent On Excellence Fund, established at the Foundation in 2004, was used to help leaders of local nonprofit organizations enhance their good work across the area.

The grant, for \$750, helped underwrite the cost of a training workshop for nonprofit board members and staff titled "Cast a Vision, Fund a Vision," presented by The Suddes Group For Impact on August 23 at the Hotel Utica.

The Foundation's support made it possible for the first two representatives from a nonprofit organization in Herkimer or Oneida county as well as Accent On Excellence honorees to attend the event free of charge.

Presented by Suddes Group President Nick Fellers, the workshop encouraged attendees to rethink traditional social sector approaches to managing their operations and funding their goals for the future by learning from the successes of private sector entrepreneurs, salespeople and other visionaries. Fellers outlined the key components of an effective major giving program to increase funding.

Sponsored by the Observer-Dispatch and Northland Communications, the Accent On Excellence program annually honors a group of local men and women under the age of 40 who have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, a strong commitment to the area and made a significant contribution to the local economy, community spirit and quality of life. Alumni of the program established the fund at The Community Foundation in 2004 with a corresponding purpose, specifically, to promote the training of young leaders and enhance their ability to mold the area's future.

"The tremendous support of The Community Foundation has made all the difference in getting the word out to the nonprofits about these very valuable learning opportunities."

*VALERIE VENEZIA
Vice President of Membership and Marketing
The Council of Community Services
of New York State, Inc.*

In a separate initiative, The Foundation also supports the Accent On Excellence program by funding grants of \$500 to agencies chosen by each of the new honorees each year.

Changing Stereotypes

Co-sponsoring the workshop along with The Community Foundation was the Council of Community Services of New York State. CCSNYS Vice President of Membership and Marketing Valerie Venezia described the event as "truly motivational and an important step in changing the prevailing stereotypes and preconceived notions about fundraising that often hamper or completely stop development efforts.

"The For Impact Group's call to 'massive action' got many nonprofits moving in the right direction, with a focus they never had before."



Learning the Ropes – From "wrestling" with strategic planning to untying the mysteries of fundraising, the 80 participants in the For Impact workshop engaged in a variety of interactive exercises designed to help them "Cast a Vision and Fund a Vision" for their organizations.

Community Foundation Stepping Up as Trainer

Although being the vehicle that empowers donors to make a difference continues to be its primary role, The Community Foundation is putting its familiarity with nonprofit operations and professional advisors across the region to further good use — facilitating training programs for practitioners in those fields to increase their skills. Through October The Foundation sponsored or co-sponsored seven training programs in 2006.

For information about upcoming training to be offered by The Community Foundation, call The Foundation office at 315-735-8212 or visit www.foundationhoc.org.

Attention Nonprofit Board Members and Staff:

Professional Fundraisers Must Be Registered

Did you know that if your nonprofit uses an outside professional fundraiser to raise funds or assist in raising funds, that individual must be registered with the Charities Bureau of the State of New York Department of Law?

The requirement is designed to protect nonprofits, donors and beneficiaries of charities from damages that can result from unqualified or unscrupulous practices in the solicitation and management of charitable assets.

A complete explanation of the law, as well as the registration form outside professional fundraisers must submit annually, is available online from the Charities Bureau at <http://www.oag.state.ny.us/charities/charities.html>.

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The following donors have honored special people in their lives through a gift of tribute. The contributions were received between January 1 and September 30, 2006. The donor is listed below the honoree.

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Oneida County Historical Society 2nd Century Agency Fund	
Oneida County Historical Society	\$7,176.00

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Chamber Music Society of Utica	\$416.00
Menotti Family Fund	
Utica Symphony Orchestra, Inc.	\$416.00
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EDUCATION

Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School	\$5,173.95
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Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$2,872.00
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Central New York Community Arts Council, Inc.	\$55,000.00
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Brigham Family Fund	
<i>Edward Wales Root Bequest Fiftieth Anniversary Tribute</i>	
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<i>Planetarium Revitalization Project</i>	
Central New York 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Center	\$1,500.00
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Burrell Fund	
Dr. Robert D. Hubbard Family Fund	
<i>Preparation of Healthy Families Application</i>	
Rome Memorial Hospital	\$30,000.00
Faxton Street Home Fund	
<i>Purchase of HoverMatts for Patient Transport/Safety</i>	
Valley Health Services	\$39,485.00
Faxton Street Home Fund	
<i>Short-term Rehabilitation Equipment</i>	

HUMAN SERVICES

Accent on Excellence	\$5,000.00
Grants recommended by winners of the 2006 Accent on Excellence Program	
<i>American Red Cross, Utica Chapter (local disaster relief)</i>	
<i>Canine Working Companions</i>	
<i>Cosmopolitan Center</i>	
<i>JCTOD</i>	
<i>Michele Adey Fund</i>	
<i>Mohawk Valley Latino Association</i>	
<i>Peacemaker Program (CASA program)</i>	
<i>Charles T. Sitrin Home (STARS program)</i>	
<i>St. Elizabeth Medical Center (emergency room project)</i>	
<i>West Winfield Federated Church (food pantry)</i>	
American Red Cross - Utica Chapter	\$23,925.00
B. Victor & Ruby Rogers de Iorio Memorial Fund	
<i>Technology Capacity Building</i>	
Emmaus House	\$899.99
Helene Doyle Sinnott Fund	
<i>Purchase copier</i>	
Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism/Addictions	\$8,946.00
Albert and Kathryn Payne Memorial Fund	
<i>Case Manager for Family Treatment Court</i>	
Peacemaker Program, Inc.	\$3,630.00
Douglas J Grant Fund	
<i>Strategic Planning Retreat</i>	
PJCIC Fund, Inc.	\$1,396.00
Marjorie D Wagner Fund	
<i>Oneida County Model Court Calendar Project</i>	

PUBLIC/SOCIETY BENEFIT

Children's Museum	\$30,000.00
Rosamond G. Childs Fund	
Paul J. & Rosemary Maphia Fund	

Energy Renovation

Cornhill Community for Change, Inc. \$2,500.00

Sinnott-Sheldon Fund

The Rev. Franklin J. Uphthegrove Hall of Fame Memorial

Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce \$800.00

Wesley & Marion Small Fund

Herkimer County Chamber Tourism Program

Mid-York Library System \$3,800.00

Watson Lowery Memorial Fund

Emergency Grant for Asbestos Abatement

Multi-Cultural Association of Medical Interpreters of CNY \$19,625.00

David E. and Jane S. Bryant Fund

John Crego Family Fund

Drivers' Education for Somali & Burmese Refugees

Rome Up & Running, Inc. \$5,000.00

Gerald J. & Nancy E. Pierce Fund

Catherine W. Palmer Estate Fund

Rome Fire & Police Memorial Park

Sherrill Kenwood Free Library \$3,274.00

Henry T. Dorrance Memorial Fund

Technology Upgrade for Use by Library Patrons

The Research Foundation of SUNY \$15,000.00

Albert and Kathryn Payne Memorial Fund

Remsen Trade Mission

Town of New Hartford \$15,000.00

Helen Bremer Westcott Memorial Fund

Paul J. & Rosemary Maphia Fund

Rt. 12 Veterans Memorial Park

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Utica Municipal Housing Authority \$12,000.00

Priscilla P. Norris Fund

Teens and Dreams Project

Village of Boonville \$4,663.20

Addison M White Fund

Boonville Girls Softball Fence Project

Donor-Advised

Donor-advised grants are derived from funds that allow donors to participate in the grantmaking process by recommending which charities will benefit.

Accent on Excellence Community Fund

Council of Community Services of New York State, Inc. \$750.00

Albert S. Mazloom Family Fund

Boys & Girls Club of Utica, Inc. \$1,500.00

Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired \$1,000.00

Friends of the ARC Foundation, Inc. \$500.00

House of the Good Shepherd \$1,000.00

Oneida County Historical Society \$2,000.00

Sagamore Institute \$1,000.00

Sculpture Space \$200.00

St. Elizabeth Medical Center Foundation \$800.00

St. Louis Gonzaga Church \$1,000.00

Utica College (2) \$3,000.00

Annie's Fund

Catholic Charities of Herkimer County (2) \$2,236.60

Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York, Inc. \$463.59

Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. \$294.15

Neighborhood Center of Utica, N.Y., Inc. \$1,000.00

Resource Center for Independent Living (12) \$8,377.05

Samaritan Counseling Center of the MV \$500.00

YWCA of the Mohawk Valley (18) \$9,491.21

Bull Family Fund

The Arc, Oneida-Lewis Chapter NYSARC \$500.00

Boys & Girls Club of Utica, Inc. \$500.00

Central New York Community Arts Council, Inc. \$5,000.00

Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. \$5,000.00

Charles A. Gaetano Family Fund

Family Nurturing Center \$1,000.00

Utica College \$1,000.00

Credit Bureau of Utica Fund

Rescue Mission of Utica \$10,000.00

Utica College \$14,630.00

Donna & George Herthum Family Fund

Oriskany Little League \$1,000.00

Ziyara Temple AAOIMS \$2,000.00

F.X. Matt II Memorial Fund

Central New York Community Arts Council, Inc. \$2,000.00

Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute \$10,000.00

Utica Symphony Orchestra, Inc. \$1,000.00

Giotto Family Fund

Central New York Conservancy \$200.00

New Hartford Public Library \$1,000.00

Oneida County Historical Society \$1,000.00

Upstate Cerebral Palsy \$2,500.00

United Way of the Greater Utica Area, Inc. \$5,000.00

Utica College \$250.00

Utica Symphony Orchestra, Inc. \$5,000.00

Henry & Nancy Morehouse Fund

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children \$500.00

Jacque & Terry Tolles Fund

Clinton Early Learning Center \$500.00

New Hartford Public Library \$1,000.00

James C. O'Shea Family Fund

Young Maine Readers \$500.00

Margarets Gaffney & Van Waes Fund

Family Nurturing Center (2) \$10,032.00

Marx Q. Cristman Family Fund

Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute \$5,000.00

Mary Alberico & Anthony J. Paparella Memorial Family Fund

North Utica Senior Citizens Community Center \$500.00

Remsen Volunteer Fire Company \$500.00

Max, DeTraglia, Max & Sullivan MD, PC Fund

Masonic Medical Research Laboratory \$5,000.00

New Hartford Public Library \$500.00

St. Elizabeth Medical Center Foundation \$10,000.00

Mohawk Valley Healthcare Foundation Inc. Fund

Mohawk Valley Healthcare Foundation Inc. Scholarship Fund \$327.00

Paul J. & Rosemary Maphia Fund

New Hartford Public Library \$1,000.00

St. Anthony's Church \$1,000.00

Richard & Kimberly Hanna Fund

Annie's Fund \$15,000.00

Blessed Sacrament Church Youth Ministry \$1,000.00

CASTING FOR RECOVERY, INC. \$500.00

Cato Institute \$1,000.00

Child Life Program - Children's Hospital

Foundation at WMC \$1,000.00

Christ Episcopal Church \$500.00

DUDA/Utica Monday Nite \$1,000.00

Fenimore Art Museum \$1,000.00

Howard A. Jr. & Bradley E. Marsh Family Fund \$1,000.00

Resource Center for Independent Living \$500.00

Samaritan Counseling Center of the MV \$500.00

Sculpture Space \$200.00

United Way of the Greater Utica Area, Inc. \$2,500.00

Utica College \$5,000.00

Utica Symphony Orchestra, Inc. \$1,000.00

WRVO Stations \$1,000.00

YWCA of the Mohawk Valley \$2,500.00

Richard E. Alexander, Jr. Family Fund

Blessed Sacrament Church Youth Ministry \$1,870.00

Rotary District 7150 Dr. Clarke T. & Ruth Case Fund

Rotary District 7150 YE \$1,500.00

Saunders, Kahler, Amoroso & Locke Charitable Fund

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the MV \$250.00

CASTING FOR RECOVERY, INC. \$500.00

Humane Society of Rome \$250.00

Resource Center for Independent Living \$2,500.00

St. Elizabeth Medical Center Foundation \$5,000.00

Utica College \$5,000.00

YWCA of the Mohawk Valley \$500.00

Senator James H. Donovan Memorial Fund

American Red Cross - Utica Chapter \$500.00

Catholic Charities of Oneida & Madison Counties \$500.00

FORCE Fund-Our Lady of Lourdes \$500.00

New Hartford Public Library \$2,500.00

Operation Sunshine c/o The Observer-Dispatch \$500.00

Rescue Mission of Utica \$500.00

St. Joseph's Nursing Home \$250.00

Thea Bowman House, Inc. \$500.00

Utica Zoological Society \$500.00

YWCA of the Mohawk Valley \$500.00

Steven D. Smallen Fund

Hamilton College \$200.00

Kirkland Town Library \$300.00

The Nature Conservancy Central NY Chapter \$150.00

St. Joseph's Hospital \$500.00

Ted & Melva Max Family Fund

Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. \$500.00

Utica Symphony Orchestra, Inc. \$1,000.00

The Women's Fund \$1,000.00

Town of Webb Fund

Adirondack Architectural Heritage \$2,000.00

Arts Guild of Old Forge, Inc. \$5,000.00

CAP 21 \$4,500.00

Home Aide Service of the Central Adirondacks, Inc. \$4,500.00

Khoros Performing Arts Company for Kids \$1,200.00

Old Forge Library \$500.00

Town of Webb Historical Association \$2,000.00

Town of Webb Historical Association (for Hemmer Cottage) \$2,500.00

Wolfe-Smith Fund

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children \$250.00

St. Matthew's Temple Church of God in Christ \$500.00

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Field-Of-Interest

Field-of-interest grants originate from funds created to support types of causes of particular interest to the donor.

EDUCATION

Kirkland Fellowships\$3,685.00
Hayes-Couper Fund
Kirkland Fellowships for Teachers in the Clinton School District

HEALTH

Health Friends\$4,500.00
Utica Dispensary Fund; *Medical Care*
Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.\$4,500.00
Utica Dispensary Fund; *Medical Care*

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Cosmopolitan Community Center, Inc.\$23,924.00
Robert Ablett Memorial Fund; *Camp Healthmore*
Oneida Chapter, Daughters of the\$924.00
American Revolution
The Maude M Foley Fund; *For Patriotic Programs*

Scholarships

Scholarships are made possible by funds designed to support educational achievement, with the donor often determining the criteria for the award.

Eighty-four scholarships were awarded during the period, totalling \$78,640.

BROOKFIELD

Robert Lang DGBF II Scholarship
Megan Laraby DGBF II Scholarship

CLINTON

Jessica Acquaviva Barrett Williams Couper Endowment
Scholarship
Jessica Acquaviva Senator James H. Donovan Memorial
Scholarship

DEANSBORO

Ashley Riskey DGBF I Scholarship

DURHAMVILLE

Jessica Totski Donald J. Mitchell Family Fund
Jessica Totski Robert and Grace Reed Memorial
Scholarship

FRANKFORT

Samantha Vivirito Robert and Grace Reed Memorial
Scholarship
Robert Perri Community Foundation Scholarship

HERKIMER

Andrew Lizotte Community Foundation Scholarship

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Helena Cunningham Mildred Usher Memorial Scholarship

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Kimberly Smith Community Foundation Scholarship
Justin Walker Community Foundation Scholarship
Sandra Champagne Mohawk Valley Healthcare Foundation, Inc.
Scholarship

JORDANVILLE

Amanda Loiacono Community Foundation Scholarship

MARCY

Jennifer Anson Robert and Grace Reed Memorial Scholarship

MOHAWK

Philip Aldi Donald J. Mitchell Family Fund
Lucille VonDauber Mohawk Valley Healthcare Foundation, Inc.
Scholarship
Joseph Landry Mohawk Central School District Class of
1977 Scholarship

NEW HARTFORD

Lindsey Larabee New Hartford Alumni Scholarship
Janet Kaskela-Hartnett .. Community Foundation Scholarship
Shilo Schmelcher Robert and Grace Reed Memorial Scholarship
Jamie Day Peter D. Fraser Memorial Scholarship

NORTHFIELD,VT

James Ramsay Richard W. Mitchell, II Memorial Scholarship

OLD FORGE

Stella Parent Community Foundation Scholarship

PROSPECT

Heather Grogan Mildred Usher Memorial Scholarship

REMSEN

Jeremy Marcouiller Holland Patent Medical Scholarship
Aaron Marcouiller Mildred Usher Memorial Scholarship
Brent Powers C. R. Roberts Memorial Scholarship
Helen Smith Mildred Usher Memorial Scholarship

ROME

Nick DeMatteo Robert and Grace Reed Memorial Scholarship
Jeremy Nowakowski Credit Bureau of Utica/
Rome College Foundation Scholarship

SAUQUOIT

Ryan Franz Peter D. Fraser Memorial Scholarship
Krystal Grzesik DGBF II Scholarship
Sheri Fedor Robert and Grace Reed Memorial Scholarship

TABERG

Cherie Russell Robert and Grace Reed Memorial Scholarship

UTICA

Danae Hobaica Leonard J. Capuana Scholarship
Rakeisha Elliott Cunningham Fund for Thea Bowman
House Scholarship
Phuong Le Young Scholars Scholarship
Seid Zahirovic Young Scholars Scholarship
Thuy Vo Young Scholars Scholarship
Elizabeth Le Young Scholars Scholarship
Sharon Giovino Community Foundation Scholarship
Randall Mason Young Scholars Scholarship
Hong Huynh Young Scholars Scholarship
Denis Avdic Young Scholars Scholarship
Serena Brooks Young Scholars Scholarship
Emmett Seifert New Hartford Alumni Scholarship
Shatoya Bell Young Scholars Scholarship

Michelle Canter DGBF I Scholarship

Brian Paul Andrew Kates Memorial Scholarship
Manda Lynch UFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Monique Swarthout Credit Bureau of Utica/
Utica Dollars For Scholars Scholarship

Lan Bui Young Scholars Scholarship

Turrell Jones Young Scholars Scholarship
Georgia King UFA Booster Award Scholarship
Nicole Cornaccia UFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Laurny Donovan UFA Alumni Association Scholarship
Sarah Imundo Leonard J. Capuana Scholarship
Juanita Fuentes Young Scholars Scholarship
Nermin Seferagic Young Scholars Scholarship
Sarah Mitchell Young Scholars Scholarship
Lien Vu Young Scholars Scholarship
David Smith Young Scholars Scholarship
Amaryllis Santana Young Scholars Scholarship
Thuy Nguyen Young Scholars Scholarship
Hoang Nguyen Young Scholars Scholarship
Aleksandr Germanovich. Young Scholars Scholarship
Israel Ferrer James V. Knight Memorial Fund
Scholarship

Dijana Dukic Young Scholars Scholarship

Melissa Aponte Young Scholars Scholarship
Azra Adilovic Young Scholars Scholarship
Linh Tran Young Scholars Scholarship
Melissa Aponte UFA Alumni Association

Scholarship

Dzevdana Ahmetovic Young Scholars Scholarship

Le Cu Young Scholars Scholarship

Eva Szymanska Young Scholars Scholarship

Tiara Bennett Young Scholars Scholarship

Sonja Buccheri Young Scholars Scholarship

Natalya Nikitina Young Scholars Scholarship

WEST WINFIELD

Rachel Treen Senator James H. Donovan
Memorial Scholarship

WHITESBORO

Elizabeth Munn Alfreda J. Butnoris Scholarship

YORKVILLE

Benjamin Capuana Leonard J. Capuana Scholarship

“Be the change we seek to see in the world.”
(Gandhi)

New Funds For 2006

Below is a listing of funds that have been added to our family of philanthropy so far this year. The funds represent a wide range of charitable interests and identify the unique passions of our donors, as well as their hopes for the community's future. We invite you to make a gift to one of the funds and to consider what kind of fund you might someday hope to create to support a charity you believe in, a cause worth investing in, or a significant social issue you wish to see addressed.

Beatrice Cavaretta Faga Fund:

A donor-advised fund created by Maryellen Kieffer of Virginia to honor her mother, a lifelong resident of the area, by making grant recommendations in her mother's name which will support community needs forever.

Hummel Family Fund:

Established by the Hummel Family, this donor-advised fund will allow the Hummels to hold family meetings and determine how best they can give back to their community—staying connected, concerned and involved—as they consider grantmaking opportunities.

Town of Webb Historical Association Fund:

An agency fund created by the Town of Webb Historical Association to generate a stable source of income for its programs and services. The Foundation provides management, administration and accounting for the fund, which frees the Historical Association to focus on its mission, programs and development.

Richard L. & Jean P. Williams Fund:

A donor-advised fund created by a caring couple which will be used for general charitable, philanthropic, welfare, scientific and/or educational purposes. Through grant recommendations, the couple will support causes they care most about and charities that do good work.

Novogurski Family Fund for Dolgeville:

This field-of-interest fund is being established to generate charitable grants to nonprofit organizations which provide services or programs that benefit residents of the Village of Dolgeville and/or the Town of Manheim. It was created by Colleen Dowd, who now resides in Nashville, Tennessee, to honor her “roots” and her family in remembrance of childhood visits to this beautiful area along the Mohawk River.

Howard W. Chaney Memorial Scholarship Fund:

An endowed fund, created at The Foundation through the Clinton Central School District Foundation, in accordance with the original terms of a gift from Howard W. Chaney's cousin, who established the fund in his memory. This fund will provide scholarships to graduates of Clinton Central High School who plan to continue their education, preferably to study art at an institution of higher learning.

Giotto Family Fund:

A donor-advised fund created by a community-minded couple to provide grants to a variety of causes and charitable organizations about which they feel strongly and are interested in supporting to promote and enrich the two-county area.

Arts Guild General Fund:

An agency fund established by The Arts Guild of Old Forge, Inc. to promote long-term support for its various educational programs and charitable activities. The Guild benefits from the Foundation's sound financial administration and stewardship of the fund, permitting its board and staff to focus on mission and growth.

Blue Mountain Lake Fund:

A donor-advised fund created by four Originating Founders: Ann & Richard Poole and Rita & Aims Coney, as a vehicle to support programs, activities, and services which benefit the shores and waters of the Eckford Chain of Lakes and the islands

therein. Focusing on conservation and preservation of the Adirondacks, the advised fund will work in conjunction with a similar fund of the Adirondack Community Trust.

National Center For Missing & Exploited Children – NY/Mohawk Valley Fund:

An agency fund of The Foundation, this fund was established from the profits of a fundraising event held last summer. Its purpose is to generate ongoing financial support for the vital programs and services of the NY/Mohawk Valley Branch of NC-MEC.

Wadih & Juliette Zogby Family Fund:

A donor-advised fund, created from the memorial gifts of family and friends by Sadieann (Zogby) Spear and Miriam (Zogby) Balutis, to establish a legacy for their mother and father and perpetuate the wonderful, charitable work accomplished during their lifetimes. The fund will provide grants to nonprofit organizations serving children and families, especially those of Lebanese and immigrant communities.

North Country Public Radio:

A designated fund, endowed and established by its “Founders:” Aims & Rita Coney, Ann & Richard Poole, Linda Cohen and Sarah Cohen, to support the programs and regional news services of North Country Public Radio. Annual grants will provide long-term financial support for this member-supported, nonprofit radio station (89.5 FM from Canton, New York — www.ncpr.org).

Nancy Windrath Hinman Memorial Fund:

Through the Hinman Family, gifts received from friends and family in memory of this dynamic and athletic woman will be used to create a lasting legacy to her and a vehicle to continue the philanthropy of the family. Nancy's passion for the arts, the great outdoors and nonprofits serving families in need will be the focus of the fund.

“Young Musicians” (Continued from page 1)

Leo. “The camp typically takes place in New Orleans, so it was a special treat to have world-renowned musicians travel to Rome to instruct our young people. As a result, numerous students are interested in pursuing careers in music, while the musicians said that this was one of the

best camps they’ve ever experienced.

“This coming together simply would not have happened without The Community Foundation,” he added. “The Foundation believed in the concept of the program and knew it would be effective. The impact will last a lifetime.”

Mitchell Player demonstrates finger techniques.



Whether “flogging the skins,” “hammering the bass” or “jiving on the jazz box,” youngsters at the YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley in Rome savored the opportunity to study with New Orleans jazz talents as a part of the Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp held in August. YMCA Center for the Creative Arts instructors who were also featured as teachers and clinicians were guitarist Joe Ferlo, bassist Mitchell Player and trumpeter Scott Rutledge.

Students eagerly listen to trumpet master Clyde Kerr, Jr.



In Their Own Words: What the Students said about Jazz Camp!

“Being able to attend camp was awesome. I have never done anything like it before and hope I can do it again. I learned to play many new songs and to keep trying when I get frustrated.”

Ericka

“It was an amazing experience — learning and meeting many people with lots of talent.”

Amber

“Being able to attend the camp has meant the world to me.”

Andrew

“Attending the camp has allowed me to look at music in a new perspective. I made new friends who are great musicians and great people . . . and there were a couple of teachers I will never forget.”

Shelby

“I found that music is your imagination. I’m shy and found that to play jazz you need to relax and just let go.”

Morgan

“I learned some difficult songs. It has made me a better trombone player.”

Dylan

“Being able to attend this camp was a great honor. I also think it’s great that our city was chosen to host this camp.”

Jillian

Bull and Julian Elected to Board, Nine Named Trustees Emeriti

Lauren E. (Larry) Bull of Herkimer, CEO of Bull Brothers, Inc., and the Hon. Robert F. Julian, Esq., of Utica, New York State Supreme Court Justice, were elected to The Community Foundation's board of trustees at the 2006 annual meeting in May.



Larry Bull



Robert F. Julian, Esq.

Bull's election marks a return to the board for him. He was a trustee of the Foundation from 1995 through 2004.

Trustees Emeriti

Named trustees emeriti were:

- Mary Griffith, of Rome, a trustee from 1992 through 2003, who co-chaired the development committee and was a long-time member of the grants committee;
- Joseph H. Hobika Sr., Esq., whose decade of service on the board from 1994 through 2004 included serving as secretary from 1996 to 1999 and chairing the governance committee;
- Dwight E. Vicks, Jr., a member of the board from 1982 through 1999, including president from 1992 to 1994. He was also a member of the Foundation's executive committee.

Named trustees emeriti posthumously were:

- Rosamond G. Childs, who served on the board from 1954 until 1968 and was the Foundation's first and most generous benefactor;
- Watson Lowery, who served on the board from 1962 to 1982, including many years on the investment committee;
- Harold C. Moore, a board member from 1981 until 1998, who was a major fundraiser for The Foundation as well as a member of the grants and investment committees;
- James E. Raymonda, a trustee from 1984 through 1998 and treasurer from 1984 to 1996. He chaired the administrative committee and served on the ad hoc committee on government efficiency;
- Roy V. Van Denbergh, one of The Foundation's original board members, who served from 1952 to 1972, including as president from 1957 to 1965;
- Addison M. White, who was a trustee for 34 years, from 1958 until 1992, serving as board president from 1966 to 1991.

New Law Allows Charitable Use of IRA During One's Lifetime

Philanthropically-minded Americans have a new, tax-advantaged way to give to causes they care about thanks to a recently enacted federal provision allowing the tax-free transfer of IRA assets directly to charity.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (HR4) allows seniors to rollover IRA assets of up to \$100,000 per year during 2006 and 2007 only into their favorite charities, tax-free.

Stipulations include:

- The donor must be at least 70 1/2.
- The gifts cannot be from any other type of retirement plan.
- The IRA rollover cannot be used to establish or add to a donor-advised fund, or for a private foundation or a supporting organization.
- It cannot be used to create life-income gifts (such as charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts).

A Win-Win Opportunity

"This is a wonderful win-win for people who would rather give to their charities of choice and reduce their taxes," said Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea.

She explained that thanks to decades of careful savings and favorable investment returns, many of today's retirees have more money in their IRAs than they will need. Many have expressed interest in giving the funds to charity, but income tax must be paid on all withdrawals, sharply reducing the value of the gift. Others have asked about designating their children as beneficiaries, but that may draw additional tax consequences.

"For larger estates, a good portion of IRA wealth goes to estate taxes and income taxes," she pointed out. "Experts estimate heirs will receive less than 25 percent of most IRA assets that pass through estates."

As a qualified public charity, The Community Foundation can help donors make the IRA transfers under the new law and choose from several options for directing their gift.

Those interested in more are invited to contact O'Shea at 315-735-8212, or e-mail moshea@foundationhoc.org.

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Ribble Named Director of Philanthropy

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Corinne L. Ribble as Director of Philanthropy.

Corinne brings to the post 10 years of successful experience in development, nonprofit management and philanthropy. She has served as development director for the Alaska Wilderness League, a Washington, D.C.-based environmental nonprofit; as program planner for the City of Syracuse Department of Community Development, responsible for managing the city's Community Development Block Grant process; and as director of development at Syracuse University's College of Arts and Sciences, which included both a major gift caseload and coordinating the college's annual giving campaigns and stewardship programs.

Born and raised in New York's Finger Lakes region, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Colgate University and a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, specializing in nonprofit management.

An avid reader, outdoor enthusiast and active community volunteer, Corinne enjoys spending her free time at her home in the Adirondacks with her husband, Rob Simpson.



Corinne L. Ribble

Richard W. Couper, CAP-21, Compassion Coalition First Recipients Community Foundation Introduces Major Awards for Philanthropy, Community Impact

At its Celebration of Philanthropy in May The Community Foundation honored one of the region's most esteemed philanthropists and two of its most effective service organizations with major awards that will hereafter be presented annually in recognition of outstanding achievement in each category.

Richard W. Couper received the 2006 Rosamond Childs Award for Community Philanthropy, posthumously, and CAP-21 and Compassion Coalition each received the 2006 Community Impact Award. The Celebration took place in conjunction with The Foundation's annual meeting.

Above and Beyond

The Rosamond Childs Award is given to a donor who has demonstrated the philanthropic nature and community spirit exemplified by Rosamond G. Childs, The Foundation's first and most generous benefactor. The Community Impact Award is presented to a charitable organization that has received one or more grants from The Foundation and has been notably effective not only in utilizing that support, but in fulfilling its overall mission.

"In a community abundant with generous donors and committed service

providers, selecting the 2006 honorees was no easy task. We didn't expect it to be," said Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea.

"However, these recipients achieved above and beyond even our community's highest standards in making a positive difference in countless ways.

"It was our privilege to pay tribute to them. We look forward to saluting others in the years ahead."



Richard W. Couper



Accepting CAP-21's award from Community Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea (left) and Board Chair Camille Kahler (right) were (from the left): Bill Ransom, CAP-21 President; Lani Ulrich, CAP-21 Founding Director; Fred Trimbach, Chair of the Hanging Flower Basket Program Team; and Carolyn Trimbach, Board member.

Squadrito Promoted

Jan M. Squadrito has been promoted to Senior Program Officer on The Community Foundation staff. Her responsibilities include overseeing the discretionary grants process as well as the marketing and scholarships areas. She joined The Foundation in 2002 and most recently was Program and Marketing Officer.

"Jan is one of the most knowledgeable people in our community about local services," said Foundation President & CEO Peggy O'Shea. "We are pleased to have her in this new role."



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